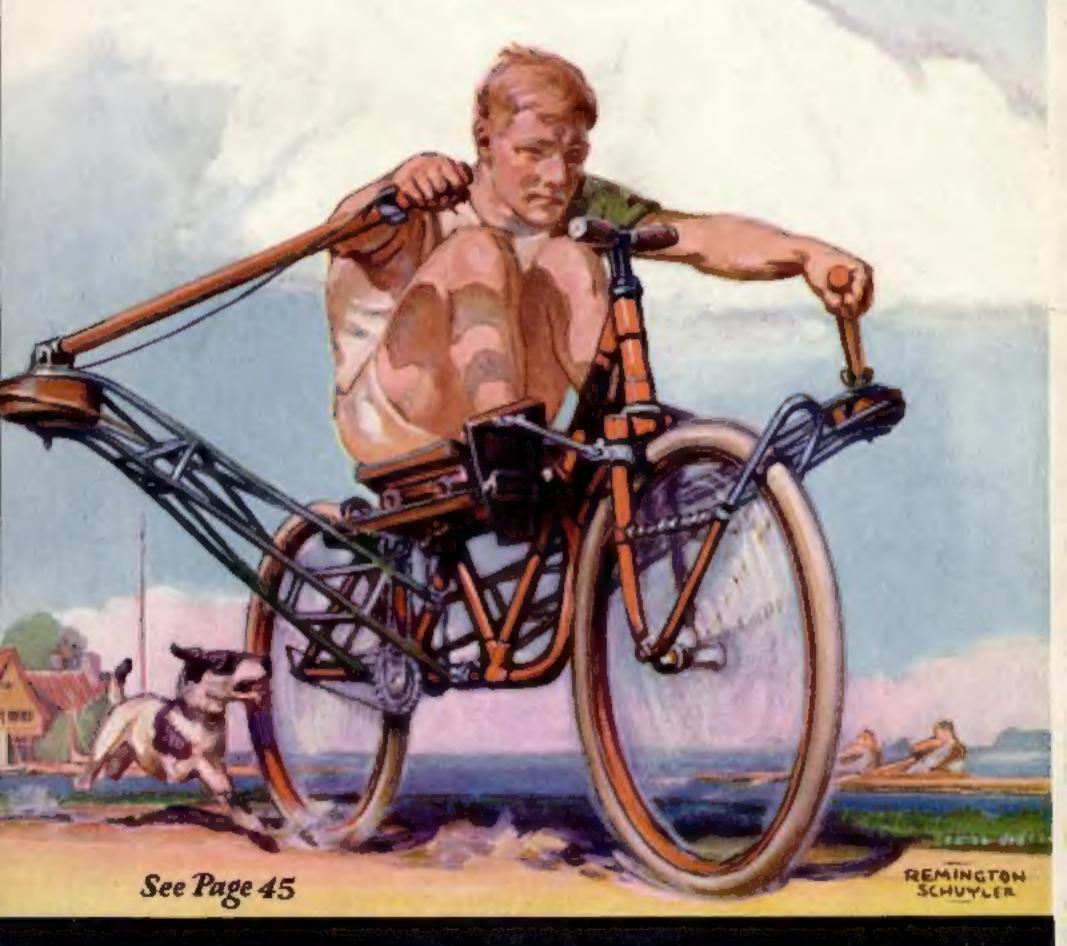
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# When you grip it you'll know...

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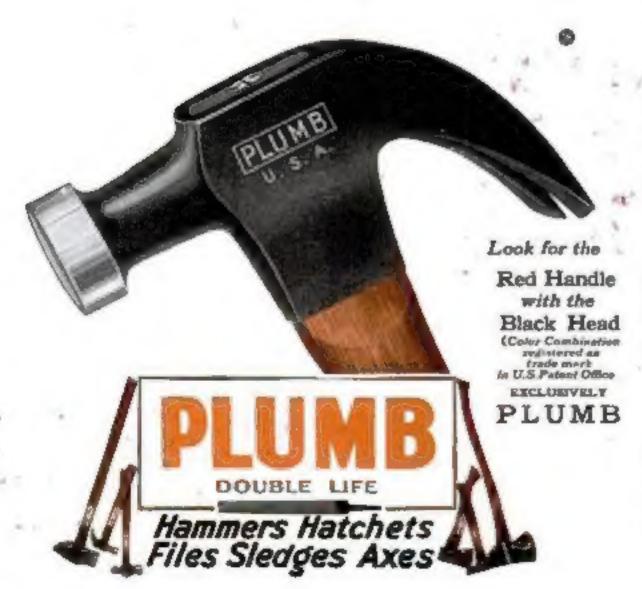
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### Guilty, As Charged

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regulations.

VEN my wife admits I am a competent and cautious motorist. Yet despite every effort to comply with the traffic law, I have been

convicted of violating it.

It happened on what I took to be a country road. No other car was in sight; no crossroad and no house within a quarter of a mile. My speedometer registered something between 25 and 30 miles. In my own town such driving is lawful. Suddenly alongside appeared a motor-policeman-

"Don't you know the speed limit?" he yelled. Now I have been told that there is only one thing to do when accosted by a traffic officer-behumble. So humble I was; and polite. I was informed vigorously, very vigorously, that it was 20 miles an hour "in the village limits".

"But," I protested, "I thought I was well out

of the village.

"Oh ho! So this doesn't look like much of a

place to you!"

As mildly as I could, I remarked that I hadn't said anything of the kind. The response was a promise to tell the judge I had defamed the town.

Back half a mile from where the policeman stopped me, I found a sign plainly marked "You are now leaving Blankville". I consulted an old friend, a lawyer, and asked him to defend me.

"Forget it," he said," unless you want to throw your money away. The cheapest thing for you, or any motorist in such a fix, is to plead guilty and throw yourself on the mercy of the court."

CONSULTED other friends. Unanimously, they agreed that when arrested for a traffic viola-

tion, the thing to do is to plead guilty.

And so I went to a village court to hear it charged that I was going 40 miles an hour through the main street of the village; that I had been abusive to the officer, and that I had made remarks reflecting on the good name of the village. I pleaded guilty,

despite the scorn and humility I felt for myself. That was two years ago, but the thing still rankles. Something, other than money, was taken away from me that day. And so I read Mr. Wheeler's article, which begins on Page 9 of this issue, with great interest. Think of it. Seventeen million motorists in this country, every one of us probable violators of the law. Many of us guilty before we have our day in court. Forty-eight states and countless municipalities with widely varying traffic

ND yet honest traffic regulation is necessary. Each day our roads grow more congested. Last year 23,900 persons were killed and 600,000 injured. in motor accidents. In every part of the country honest policemen and courts are doing their best, despite varying regulations and ideas of execution, to make our highways sate. No penalty that can be applied is too severe for those who recklessly endanger the lives of others.

It is the discrepancy between traffic regulations in the various communities that makes possible a situation such as Mr. Wheeler has pictured. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, for example, recently told of a Washington motorist who, on a trip to New York, by adhering strictly to the District of Columbia traffic code, violated twentyfour laws. And following the New York code on the return, he violated fourteen.

Motorists should be able to go anywhere in the United States without the possibility of arrest because of the ignorance of local traffic rules. By conforming to the rules in one community, they

should be safe in any other.

A uniform code of traffic laws has been prepared, under Mr. Hoover's supervision, for submission to the legislatures of the several states next winter.

Adoption of this code will do much to remedy our present chaotic system of regulation.—S. N. B.

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Now you can operate your radio set from the light socket. Merely by adding the new Balkite Radio Power Units-either by adding a Balkite Charger and Balkite "B," or by adding the new Balkite Combination Radio Power Unit.

In either case the result is the same-light socket operation, maximum convenience, and smooth silent power.

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Over 600,000 radio receivers—one of every ten—are already Balkite equipped. Equip yours with Balkite and convert it into a light socket receiver. Know the pleasure of owning a set always ready to operate at full power.

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# Short Cuts to Success

True stories of how readers of Popular Science Monthly have used advertisements in the Money Making Opportunities Department to shorten their road to success

Deserts the loss of an arm in France and no knowledge of the field he decided to enter, G. M. Beckett has achieved a distinguished success in advertising. Mr. Beckett found his short cut to success through an International Correspondence School's course in advertising. The first prize in the July Contest is awarded to Mr. Beckett for the following letter:

DEAR SIL!-

Loss of an arm in France forced me to seek new fields of endeavor. Natural inclination turned me toward advertising.

Placed by the Veterans' Bureau in the Advertising Department of a large industrial concern, I soon found that although I could learn the "whats" of advertising I must go to other sources for the "whys and wherefores."

Through the advice and example of others, I was led to take a course in the International Correspondence Schools. The work doverailed beautifully, each hit of knowledge was 1000 put into actual practice.

After three months came the editorship of an internal house organ—in a year my opportunity as assistant advertising manager after two years and a half I was made head of the department.

Although changing employers since then have found my test books, which I have curefully preserved, a never-ending source of new information.

To the man with the will to "go up" I know of no better labricant than this same "midnight oil."

G. M. BREKETT, NEW HAVEN, COMM.

A splendid example of how the Money Making Opportunities Department is bringing success to its readers is illustrated in the following letter which wins the second prize. Master Charles Murray, Jr., pays a high compliment to Popular Science Montrely in his letter telling about the success his father has gained as a result of taking Mr. L. L. Cooke's Electrical Course in the Chicago Engineering Works.

Costan Eprou:-

After reading over your Money Making Opportunities Section I pick the advertisement of L. L. Cooke from the section.

Ever since my father wrote to L. L. Cooke for his course of Electrical Engineering I have

been tremendously interested in electricity.

Before my father wrote to L. L. Cooke, he was working for a small salary in a department store, but he has changed and now he is in full charge of all the electrical fatures and appliances in a large department store of Nov-folk, Va.

He has proved that L. L. Cooke's Course of Electrical Engineering is no take and that is the real truth, and also that the Powerant Science Mourant has nothing but the real truth in their magazine. The advertisements are good and especially L. L. Cooke's Elec-

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For the best letter of 170 words or less answering the question—

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we will pay on October 10th the following-

CASH PRIZES

First Prize	\$10.00
Second Prize	5.00
Third Prize	3.00
Seven Prizes	
of \$1.00 Each	7.00

First read every advertisement in the Money-Making Opportunities Section on pages 118 to 143. Pick out the one that interests you most and then write a letter—nor exceeding 170 words—telling us why you find the advertisement you have selected the most interesting.

Entries for the contest will close on September 1st. The prize winners and their letters will be published in the November issue of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY.

Address your letter to Contest Editor

POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY 250 Fourth Ave., New York trical Course which I am hoping some day I may have the grand opportunity of taking.

My father owes his course and work and results to the Popular Science Montaev which has also belped him in many other ways.

CHARLES MURRAY, JR. NORFOLE, VA.

Whether you want to be an advertising man or an electrical engineer; an auditor or an aviator; a lawyer or a carpenter, you will find advertisements in Populan Science Monthly that will show you a short cut to success in whatever trade or profession you prefer.

Robert S. Danskin, in his letter which wins the third prize, tells how the books on carpentry published by Theo. Audel & Company helped him become a highly successful building contractor.

CONTEST ENTINE:-

Print or on print—I am going to tell what one "Money-Making-Opportunity" all means to me.

I was a foreman baker but suberculoses forced me out of business. With \$4,000.00 my good wife and I had accaped together we bought some out-of-repair resting property. We fixed it up and re-sold it at a profit. My doctor insisted that paint and dust were as injurious to me as the flour and oven gases of the bakeshop.

I decided to try to capitalize my knowledge of business and property by building a house or two.

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1 saw as ad about Audel's Carpenters and
Builders Guides. I bought a set and studied
their contents.

During the past two years I built eleven houses all of which sold at a satisfactory profit.

Much of my success I attribute to Audel's books which are advertised on page 124 of July, 1926, have of your wonderful magazine, Rosser S. Danneys,

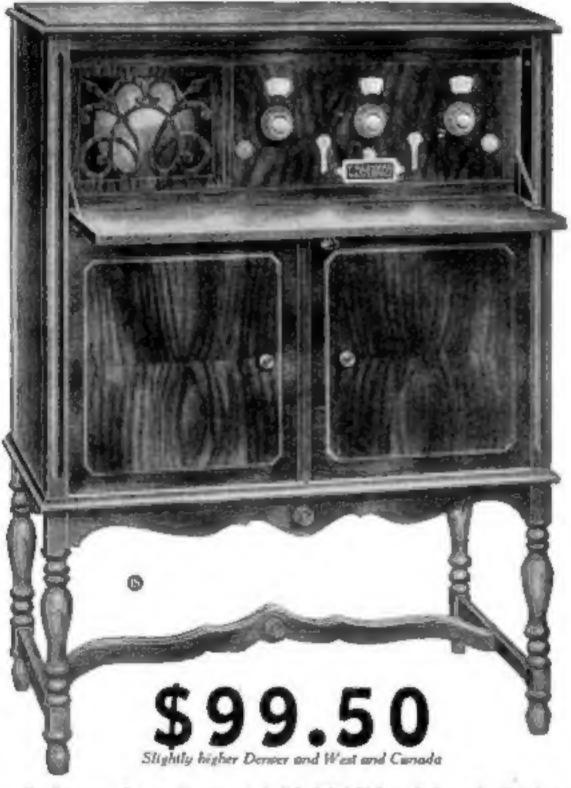
ARLEMOTON, MAIL

These men who found success through the Money Making Opportunity Department aren't any smarter or more ambitious than you. They simply decided what they wanted to do—and then did it.

You can get all the facts about any course of training or any of the scores of other (Continued on page 125).

Take the Short Cut to Big Pay! See pages 118 - 143

# Quality FRESHMAN MASTERPIECE THE ARISTOKRAT



### Genuine Mahogany

One of the finest pieces of furniture in which a radio receiving set has ever been installed. It is truly an aristocrat with its distinctive, finely proportioned lines and rich, lustrous finish.

### Equipped with one of the Finest of Licensed CONE SPEAKERS

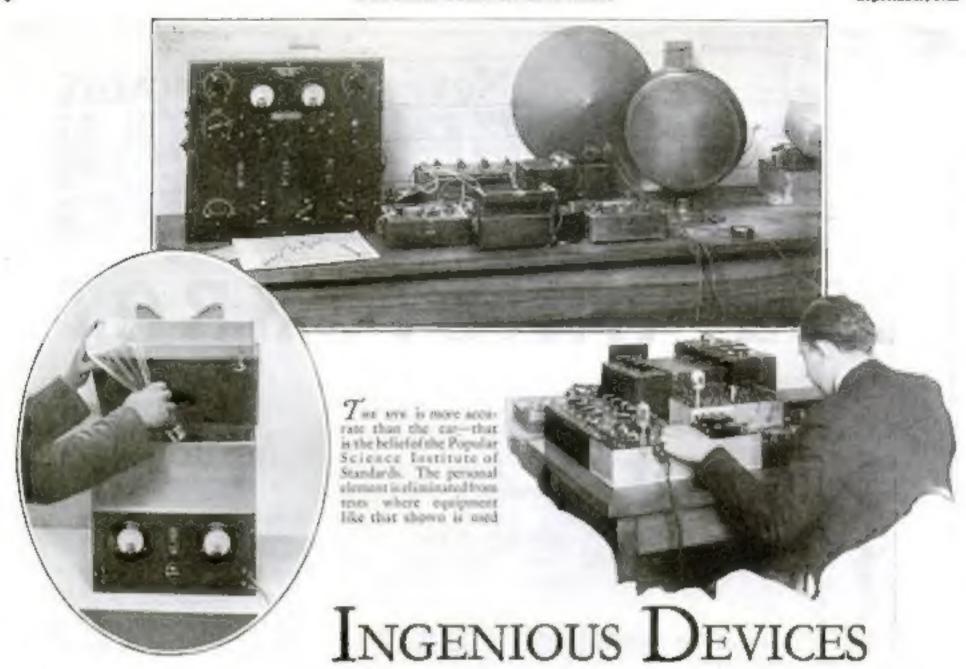
especially designed to bring forth the full merit of the new construction of the FRESHMAN MASTERPIECE circuit. This set is designed to employ the new Radio Corporation UX-112 Radiotron Power Tube and the necessary "C" battery connections. All metal shielded front and sub-panel.

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CHAS. FRESHMAN CO., Inc., FRESHMAN BUILDING, NEW YORK CHICAGO



### Eliminate Guesswork in Radio Testing

IT IS one thing to take a product and "try it out"; It is another to accurately test it.

To do the latter requires a quantity of not only expensive apparatus, but also the construction of ingenious devices that will definitely measure the efficiency of a product. On this page we have illustrated some of the testing equipment used by the Popular Science Institute of Standards which has evoked particular admiration from technical experts who have visited the Institute's laboratory.

No one of the test set-ups shown could be purchased complete; every one has been specially designed and constructed to fit the test methods of the Popular Science Institute of Standards. This fact will probably surprise many who supposed that such test layouts could be secured "ready made"; as did a radio dealer who recently wrote us.

This radio retailing concern was starting a small laboratory in which they planned to investigate the products they proposed carrying. What they wanted the Institute to do was to supply advice as to where complete apparatus for testing loudspeakers, transformers and other radio products could be obtained. This was impossible, of course, all we could do was to send this

Popular Science Monshly GUARANTEE

The above seal on an advertisement indicates that the products referred to have been approved after test by the Popular Science Institute of Standards.

Popular Science Monthly guarantees every article of merchandise advertised in its columns. Readers who buy products advertised in Popular Science Monthly may expect them to give absolute satisfaction under normal and proper use. Our readers in buying these products are guaranteed this satisfaction by Popular Science Monthly.

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test layouts could be secured "ready made"; as did a radio dealer who recently wrote us.

This radio retailing concern was dealer the names of some manufactors ers who make electrical measuring instruments—which instruments would necessarily form part of the finished test set-ups they would have to have

This work of devising equipment to fit tests is, therefore, one of the chief problems confronting the Popular Science Institute of Standards. Our engineers are constantly at work designing new apparatus; the device pictured on the left of the page is the most recent and novel arrangement they

have developed. It actually measures tone quality—a problem that has hitherto been unsolved. It is a cathode ray oscillegraph being prepared for visual study of audio-frequency currents, in connection with the determination of the nature of tone distortion in receiving sets.

In the middle of the page is a set-up for getting a graphic record of the response characteristics of loudspeakers. You can see a characteristic graph of the loud speaker's performance lying in front of the oscillator. An idea of the cost of testing apparatus may be gained from the fact that the instruments featured in this illustration, alone, represent an investment of almost \$1100.

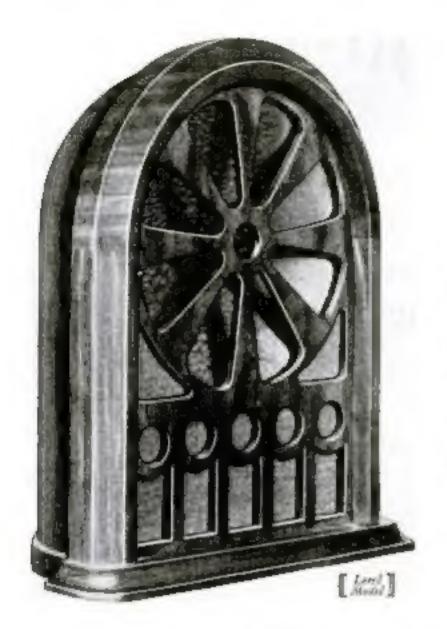
The apparatus used by the Popular Science Institute for quantitatively determining the operating merits of vacuum tubes is shown on the right.

With equipment like this, the Popular Science Institute of Standards is able to accurately judge the merits of various radio products and determine whether they come up to the Institute's requirements for approval. A list of those products which have been approved can be had by writing the Popular Science Institute of Standards, 250 Fourth Ave., New York.

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This remarkable unit combines the good features of both cone and sounding-chamber types of speaker; and eliminates their inherent weaknesses. You can hear all the high and low tones with the Lorel; clear and full.

Ask your dealer for a demonstration of the Lorel. You'll find it a real improvement in radio reception.

Price \$25 Slightly higher

### ALL-AMERICAN RADIO CORPORATION

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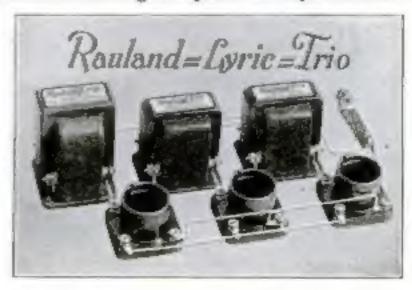


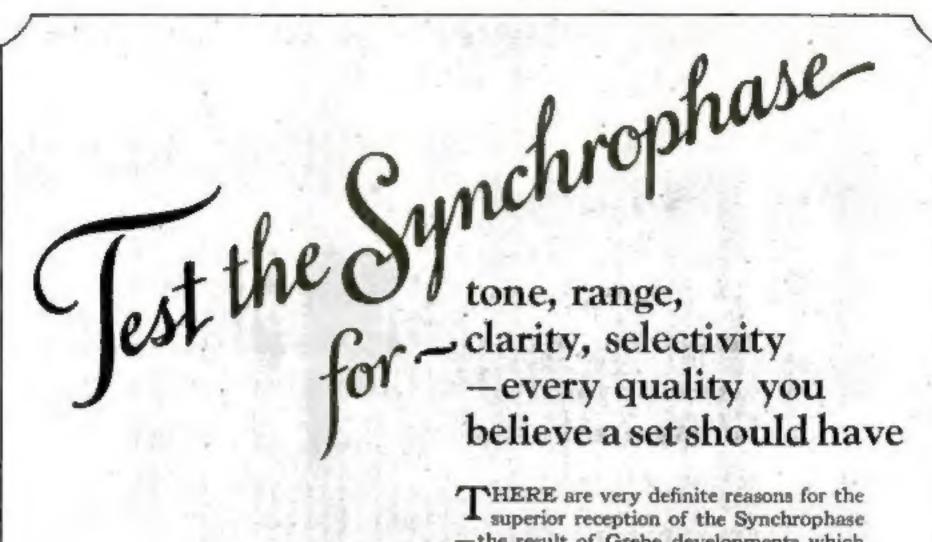
Pure full tone is possible only with unvarying "B" power. With All-American "Constant B" you get a permanent, constant plate power. There's nothing to take care of; no annoying hum, and no acid. Permanently sealed. "Constant B" has a to to 60 volt tap, varied in output by a "detector" control; a 6734 volt and a 90 volt tap; a variable voltage "power-tube" tap uniformly controlled by a "High-Low" switch.

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All Grebe apparatus is covered by patents granted and pending.



"If you have fields and will not plow them. your barns will be empty."

If you want the best in radio and fail to buy the Synchrophase, you must blame only yourself.







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### RIGHT OR WRONG-

## The COP Always WINS

You can't be an autoist and avoid breaking laws, thanks to chaotic traffic rules that make czars of village constables How to protect yourself

### By Edgar C. Wheeler

FEW weeks ago a mechanical engineer of national reputation was fouring through Olino when, on the open road approaching a small village, a motorcycle policeman dartest from a clump of bushes roared up from behind, and acrested han for speeding.

The er goreer eved hor captor suspenses, ly, for he knew he had been traveling at

an amostally safe pace.

"You mean to say I was exceeding the speed limit, officer? Why I in certain I

was doing mater twenty live-

"Tell that to the judge," snapped the rop, whose budge, now displayed on the bring of his cost, revealed that he was a village constable. "I clocked you and I know how fast you were going."

The partice of the peace, before whom the engageer was forthwith haufed, preaded behind the counter of the village general store. From among the grocenes on a shelf be pulled a clutter of record

books and papers, and opened court. The engineer, after telling who he was, explained that he had been experimenting with machines for many years and, aware of the dangers in gasoune motors, was always particularly careful never to drive at a hazacious speed.

"How fast did you say this man was traveling constable?" asked the justice. "Forty - five miles an

kottr''

By this time the engineer was beginning to get hot under the collar. "But I was traveling less than twei ty-five," he protested. "and I can prove it, too, if you will ask the constable to point out the spot by the

roadude where he was hiding when I came along

The justice finally consented. When they had anspected the occue, measuring with the specialmeter the distance between the officer a ambiash and the spot where the arrest was made, the engineer drew a slip of paper from his pocket and histily sketched a diagram. Then, with a few simple releatations, he demonstrated that had be been going at the speed of which the constable accused him, the officer himself would have had to travel at more than 100 poles an hour in order to overtake him where he did.

The squire, bewildered, scratched his bead, "Well, now," he drawled at last, "what you may is mighty interesting. At first I was going to fine you fifty dollars, but now I goess I'll set you off with only twenty-five!"

As an actor in this conduide comedy, the engineer stood helpless. In the end, what else could be do but fish down in his

pecket may the fine and go on I is way?

What else, is fact, can be the fate of any one of the thousands of motorists who every year find themselves in in iel the same predicament, and who helpleasty pay blood money exacted from them.

along the bation's logicways?

For the speed cop always was. You may argue, and pseud and protest and rage als you please but a the end you can't beat him. I mally it is your word against his. The parge never saw you before. He sees the others every day. He is the dictator of the road, whose word is as good as the law. Sometimes he is right, other times he is wrong. But right or wrong, he can make the motorist pay.

NOONE doubts, of course, that traffic officers and traffic saws are no essency. They will always be necessary so long as dangerous dravers born on the highways and will us off at the rate of more than twenty thousand a year. No

one coulds, either, that barry traffic officers are honest men who work conscientionally to keep traffic moving safely and to rail those who operate motor cars without thought for the rights or averaged doers. And there are certainly magnificates who, aware of the power of the traffic cop, do not always assume that the motorist is always wrong

On the other hand, as recent investigations have revealed, and as you, perhaps, can test by the roads are infested also with another type of speed cophighwaymen, who hold you up and rifle your peckets with the holdness of a Jesse James. They have the law

### They're Stacked Against You

DID you know that any time and anywhere you take a spin in your car you probably are breaking one or more traffic rules without being aware of it, and that, if caught, you have hardly a chance of getting away without a fine?

In the accompanying article are revealed some startling facts brought to light by recent investigations of conflicting laws and of the men who, under the cloak of legal authority, prey upon the motoring public, collecting ransom money.

If you value your purse you'll be interested in reading of the efforts now being made to clear the roads of those who are making a farce of honest efforts to regulate traffic.

on their side—in fact, the law pays them. They can't lose, any more than you can win. They set traps for you and hide in ambush, waiting for the chance to por nee and collect. And to make their positions more secure, often their accomphoes are valuage magistrates and justices of the peace who are supposed to be duty hound to dispense justice for all. With these accomplices they split the booty, dividing fees which the law allows for collecting your fine money. Some act as the paulholdup men for towns or villages, turning the proceeds of their raids into the village coffers and so relieving the estimate of the inconvenience of paying taxes.

These are some of the things that have been making a farre of honest efforts to enforce traffic

Jawa and regulations.

So critical has the intuation become, in fact, that the Amer-Automobile Авиосильна and its affiliated clubs recently undertook a crusade of exposure and prosecution to put a stop to roadway piracy. Some of the reso to have been startling. Such figures as have been compiled, for metance, indicate that of all the thousands who are holed into traffic courts, more than ninetyfive percent are convicted, mostly they are treated as perjurers whose sworn oaths are not worth the map of a finger

ONE combination which is hard to heat was brought to light not long ago in a Pennsylvinua village so small that its name doesn't appear on the rusal maps. Husiness had been so good for the justice of the peace in this viltage that he came to be known as "the fluing squice." There was one good reason for his prosperity.

The village constable was his own son' Another reason was that along the high-way through "the heart of the village," consisting of four scattered farmhouses, they had regged up a little "stop" sign which only the sharpest-eyed motoruta could see without binoculars. Further, they had set a speed limit of ten miles an hour

Son constable would hauf in passing tourists and father pulge would slap on a fine. At last, when they were called to account, it was revealed that "the fining squire" and his son each had been cleaning up more than \$5,000 a year! They had kept absolutely no record of at least two thirds of the fines callected.

IN ALMOST every state there might be I named a village or town whose treasury has been fattened in much the same way. For example, there is a village lying in the upper part of New York state, whose two hundred souls, the records show have not paid a cent of taxes in several years. Passing motorists have paid all the valage ranting expenses: some \$25,000 a year. The collectors are two speed cops who conceal themselves in the bushes at the extremities of a measneed distance along the highway. Their watches are synchronized. When a machine which looks like good meat for the trap passes, the first cop signals his partnor and notes the time. At the coul of the distance the second cop notes the time also. They have the "speeder" clocked; and if the driver fads to halt, they also have his becase number so that they can mail him a summons.

A similar system was employed with marked success not long ago by a town near New York City when it wanted more for read pavement. The town officials simply hared two "officers" to do the watch stunt, and the motorets from other towns and states paid for the paving!

#### A Summons to Court

If you've drives a care for any length of time you are a lawfrentier. You can I help bring one. As long in every village, trees and state in the country has its own traffic laws, which it is impossible for any one motorist to learn, you will continue to be one. Uniform traffic codes are acknowledged to be theory possible remedy.

One of the most deceptive snares is the "silent polerman" at road intersections in many small towns. Virtually everywhere the general understanding seems to be that when no outspoken officer is on duty at one of these dumb statues, you are supposed to go around it. If an officer is on duty you re supposed to do what he says. Yet every so often you will run across a silent cop that seems to possess the mysterious faculty of getting you in had, coming or going.

A month or so ago a young woman acquaintance of mine was driving her father from their summer vacation spot to a certain radway station in Connecticut, where he was to catch the train. On the way she came upon one of these silent policemen, placed where her road ended at an intersecting highway, forming a "T" Instead of being in the center of the intersection, however, the post was placed so near the far curb that it would have been next to impossible for a large car to pass around it and enter the main road without accuping a feeder.

The young woman bestated a moment,

and then, as no officer and no cars were in sight, she cut across in front of the post.

Instantly a man in street clothes stepped out from the curb and yelled at her to stop. Unbuttoning his cost, he displayed a constable's badge punced on his vest, and informed her she was under arrest

Haven't you got sense enough to go around the post when no officer is there?"

he shouted.

"But deln't I see you standing there a minute ago?"

POR answer he led the way to the town undertaker, who also was justice of the peace. "To teach her a lesson," and despite her explanations, the was fined \$10.

Another problic source of revenue is the innocent-looking white line painted down the center of the

road. It is one of a neat little has of tricks prepared for "forege" motorists by those who have found it profitable to establish a bogus "bonseyard" on a short stretch of road running through a vallage.

A well-known Detroit business num who known the roads like a book, was deveng through a Wacconsu town when, in passing a three-ton truck ahead, he swerved so that his outer wheels passed six inches to the left of the white line in the center of the road. In a flash a speed cop was upon him. A few minutes later be protested to the judge that when he passed the truck there was no sign of a car approaching in the opposite direction; also that it would

have been impossible to pass the truck at all without going to the left of the line. He might just as well have saved his breath. The trap last him hooked.

Another common scare is the "stop" sign erected at a certain spot along the boulevard in such a position that it is atmost invisible to passing drivers. One such sign, placed on a detour near an Ohio town last year, resulted in the hading-in of so many motorists that at last they rose in their wrath and compelled the authorities not only to remove the sign, but to refund their fines as well.

Deceptive, too, are the will-o'-the-wisp traffic agnal lights often installed at points where there is no congestion and no danger whatsoever. Last month a friend of mine min afoul of one of these lights near a town in Pennsylvaoia. It was installed so high above the road that only a star-gazing driver would see it. The signal was operated by a traffic cop in plant clothes who stood, half concealed, behand a telegraph pole by the roadside.

UNBELIEVABLE as it may seem, some speed cops are not satisfied with catching you in the traps they set. They actually egg you on to break the law. Some time ago a town not far from Hartford, Cone., employed a constable who was a rip-roaring speed king. He douve a classy high powered roadster, printed brilliant red, and his chief delight was to challenge passing motorists to a race. He would roll lazily along a straight

stretch of highway until a speedy looking job came along. Then he would step on the gas, pull up alongside, and try to pass. Quite naturally the unsuspecting driver, if he was at all proud of his car's performance, would deny him the privilege, and the two would go rouring down the road side by aide. At the end of the straightaway the cop would calmly inform his rival that he was pinched for speeding!

This cop made a small fortune in fees. But he overdid a good thing. Not content with matching speed with outsiders who passed through, he began to pick his victims from among his own townsfolk. He also began to try his linck beyond the tiwn him to where his crimines in did not extend. The result was that irrate citizens handed together and threw him out of his

lacrative job.

The profits which constables and magistrates are able to rake in through the feesystem of enforcing traffic regulations and codecting fines often are surprising. Forinstance, I know of an executive of a New York life insurance company who recently wrote to an old salesman friend, offering him a hierative job in his office. In reply the friend wrote

"Thanks very knadly, old man, but I now have a job as a motorcycle cop on the county houlevard, and can't afford to

accept your offer,"

FROM North Carolina comes a report of a father and his sons who are in the business of fining motorists and who have found it so profitable that they have lired men to work their farm while they hold up the law. In a certain Long Island town, math recently, there was a motor cop who arrested so many drivers the judge couldn't handle them all. In this case the merchants, finding that motorists were avaiding their town, forced the dismissal of the oversealous officer

Again, the records of a certain township in Ohio show that the squire operating a notorious readside court collected 83,500 in forty days. The squire's share of this was \$1,604, while the three constables operating out of his office divided \$1,000. All that was left as the county s share of the collections was \$806

In addition to their fees, which repre-

#### Have You Been There, Too?

Have you ever been streated while driving your ear? If m, write and tell to of your experience. What was your offense" and what was the autrone?

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sent generous slices of fines and court costs, some speed cops have a rich courte of revenue in blood money paid on the road. Many a motorist prefers to buy off his captor on the spot, rather than go through the bother of appearing in court and having his name go on the records as a traffic violator.

Perhaps you've seen it done. "Now look here, officer," the motorist will say, "I don't care so much about the money, but I in raighty anxious to be on my way. I diske to stake you to a box of cigars, but of course I don't know what brand you anoke. Suppose you take this and buy them yourself." And he hands the copten or fifteen dollars. If it works, the motorist drives on with the feeling that he has made the best of a bad bargain.

SURPRISING as are the profits of roadside holdup men, they are no more automishing than is the ignorance of some who dispense all roadside justice. It is a fact that in some small villages are squires who not only know nothing of the law under which they condemn offenders, but actually cannot read legal English. Not long ago a Washington business man was arrested in a small Vogma town. When he asked the justice of the peace what the charge was, his honor fumbled. with his speciacles and made a minister of unsuccessful attempts to read the clauses. of the motor law. Finally, a village loafer who was sitting on a cracker barrel in the store where court was in session offered to try has luck. The lout floundered for a while through the legal wording, until the squire growing impatient, determined to wind-up the proceedings. He fined the motorist \$10.25 for violation of "pages 17 and 18 of the Motor Vehicle Act"

that the motorist had to show for the experience was a slip of paper to the effect that he had paid \$10.25 for something which the justice of the peace termed "colladera!"

That it is possible to make such a farce out of motor laws and regulations is due first of all, experts agree, to the bewikiering diversity of the laws themselves. Every state, city and town in the nation has its own pet rules of the road. During last year alone more than 2500 new traffic bills were introduced in state legislatures, and the number which were made into laws averaged about a dezen for each state. For the meterst to attempt to be wise to them ad is out of the question.

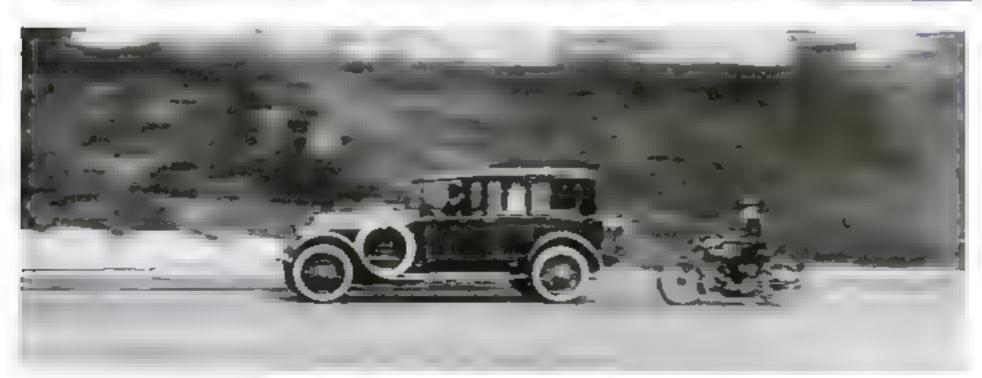
It is this enforced ignorance that makes you easy prey for the speed cop who is out to collect. In the matter of speed alone he has the drop on you. Countless towns are still back in horse and enringe days, when anything above eight or ten noles an hone

was dangerous.

One effort to remedy the aduation is found in the recent efforts of the National Conference on Street and Highway Sufety, under the direction of Secretary Hoover, to formulate a rational uniform traffic code to be adopted by the legislatures of all the states. A definite step toward this same end was taken in Castorina a few months ago when ten of the most important towns in the vicinity of loss Angeles joined in adopting in form traffic rules for virtually the whole southern part of the state.

I extertion practiced by official light-waymen, automobile clubs and similar organizations have posted warnings of speed traps, exposed and blocklisted towns which profit at the motorists' expense, and prosecuted officials who go beyond their authority or who collect fines illegally. Many a town has learned to its sorrow that what it has guissed in ready cash from automats has been more than offset by loss of histories and prestige, when traffic, herding the warning of "speed traps ahead" excelleged detours and gues upuned the other way

State authorities, too have taken a band in protecting to infinitely on page 14.)



A Guardian of the Law Trailing an Unsuspecting Victim

# SANCTIFIED MAGIC

How fakirs walk upon knives, transmit thought, pierce themselves with daggers and are buried alive, to prove secrets of control over flesh that amaze doctors

> shown interest in his apparent power to control bodily processes, such as the flow of blood, and to

By G. B. SEYBOLD

throw home elf and others into a sort of hypnote trance.

In the presence of a group of doctors, for instance. Rahman Bey has deliberately regulated his phase so that the count in the right wrist was nucely, while that in the left was forty-two. Two physicians made the count.

It is in their power of inducing suspended animation, however, that the most spectacolar feats seem to oc-

of taking a varation from the physical world, faking enter trances and are buried alive, sometimes for a few minutes,

and, according to reports, sometimes for days and even years. From Innia comes the account of a faker who entered a transe in 1899 and remained forced until last year, when he was exhumed and brought back to consciousness, Except for weakness, the man is said to have suffered no ill effects from his long society moder the soil.

From Lada, too, comes the story of the burnal of twerve fakers who, in drend of a powerful member of their order, agreed to remain in a transe under the grains for five years. It was their hope that before the end of that period their enemy, an old man, might die.

The sudden disappearance of the twelve, however, so enraged the old fakir that he searched for the secret borish places. Two of the interest men were found and killed. The remaining ten enaped detection, and after five years were dug up and revived. In the meantime their aged enemy had died.

WHEN a burnal of long duration is to be indulged in we are told the fakir is placed in a coffin from which all air is excluded. The coffin in turn, is proceed in a coment vault which further protects the body from air, water, and prowling animals. Once a year, usually on a feast day, the fakir's pupils inspect the grave.

Reports of such long burials, however,



MAN'S rigid body is suspended in the air between two ses thelike swords. The cutting edge of one supports has feet and that of the other pillows his neck, yet with his entire weight on them, these agas knows do not cut him.

Two men place upon the abdomen of the bared body a three-foot slab of stone. A third awings a heavy sledge hammer. With a crash, the stone slab cracks and falls in pieces to the ground,

Still the rigid form, unbent by the blow, her across the knives, magically unharmed. Now they lift it from the rack and stand it upright. It moves and is a living man!

The man is Rahman Bey, the Fakir One of those mysterious Oriental wonder workers, whose "maracles" have been a riddle of the world for centuries, he has come to America to revive the New World's interest in Eastern mysterion

He has and walks upon knives, pierces his flesh with daggers and pins, casts himself into deathly trances, permits himself to be buried alive, and performs amazing feats of hyppotism and telepathy. He professes to demonstrate that the will of man, by unremitting practice, can become master over flesh and blood.

Fakirs long have been an allusing tradition of the East. Travelers in India, Persia and Egypt have come upon them wandering about the country, often clad in rags, casting bewildering spells of The Bey, lying on a bod of sharp-pointed spikes so demonstrate that the control of the mind over the body can give immunity to poin

rangic. Many a tourist has brought back went tales of the roving ascetics who transform themselves into human procushions, apparently without suffering, and who seem to grow palm trees from seeds in a few minutes. Others of the cult apparently cause living beings to vanish in the clouds and say they can rise from airless tombs, months after burnel alive, and live again.

For the most part, little has been known of these fakurs save that they belong to a secret order, centuries old, and that they like monks in isolated monasteries where they learn their mysteril practices from childhood, through rigorous training. In recent months, however, emissaries of the order invaded the Western world. In Rome, Paris and London they thrilled nothences by their seemingly miraculous feats. European doctors who witnessed the demonstrations reported that they could discover no trickery.

IN AMERICA equal interest has been aroused of late by the fakir Ruhman Bey. Some experts, including the famous magician Housian, have declared that the Bey's feats are little more than elever tricks in a setting of Onestal mystery. Others, including medical men, have

are rare. In most cases interment has been for a few days at the most. Seven days is the longest time that Rahman Bey claims to have remained "dead"—a performance staged in Alexandria a year ago. Lying in a trance for months at a time, he explains, so weakens the hody of the man who does it that he cannot expect to live long after he "comes to life." On the other hand, he declares, brief periods of burial—say once a month—improve the health by giving the body a complete rest

In his American performances Rahman Bey ordinarily remains buried abve for only a few minutes. He does, however, offer to stay in the cuffin as long as his audience decrees. I shally the time selected is from ten to thirty minutes. Two atipulations the fakir invariably minists upon—that he must know beforehand exactly how long he is to remain means and that he must be disinterred exactly at the end of that time. If he should be left buried even a numute too long, he warms his uneasy audience, he hight die from miflocation.

THE burial is preturesque. Clad in flowing white, his head shrouded and his feet encased in sandals, the fakir appears beside the rolling a sould looking box resting on a solid floor. For a brief time he may preates certain perves as his neck and at its temperal busidently he baseones rigid to piles over and a raught by attendants who pare a may the coffin They cover the coffin completely with damp aind, and there he remains for the time agreed upon.

Much the same apparent control over the normal processes of the body is evidenced in the fakir's somewhat hornes ug but bloodless feats of torture, of which

The Start of a Terrible Journey

Another member of the Singapore "torture club" carried a cage fitted with fifty spears, such medicaharp point piercing him every time be made a more

the rock-breaking stant already described is an example. Without a twinge be thrusts long steel needles through his cheeks and through his arms, legs and chest. He plunges a long knife through the skin of his throut, and invites physicians in his audience to stick needles into his arms. In certain wounds he apparently starts and stops the flow of boost at will. Other wounds do not bleed at al.

AGAIN, the faker hes with his baried A back upon a board covered with sharp steel points. To make the ordest the more impressive, an assistant stands upon his chest to force the flesh down upon the points. Rising, the fakir exhibits the wounds, which do not bleed, and within a few minutes all that is left of the abrasions are a few small red spots. In firsts—he explains nonchalantly, fakirs often he on spakes for days at a time!

Now a torch or brought forth, and to the borror of the audience the faker thrusts one arm into the flame and holds it there, while his face shows no sign of discomfort

Finally, to demonstrate that he can exercise this strange control over others as well as himself, he hypnotises a subject. In a trance the subject likewise undergoes the ordeal of having a stone slab broken over his body while supported only by knife edges.

It is in this extraordinary mastery of hypnotism, by which the fakirs apparently exert their will over entire authories, that investigators find a possible explanation of some of the strangest stories of magic that have come from India. Of these the most mystifying is the famous tope trick, reported by

high British officials army officers and accentists who claim to have been eye witnesses.

IN THE center of a wide ring of a speciators the fakir, dressed in the tattered parh of a mendicant, and his assistant, a scantily clad boy, sit with crossed legs on mats spread on the cobblestone pavement. The fakir produces a ball of rope, Holding the free end with one hand, he throws the ball straight up in the air with the other. The ball inwinds and the rope remains suspended in the air. Then, at the command of the fakir, the boy clambs the rope, hand over hand, and at last -vanishes.

Whate the astounded spectators gaze skyward, the fakir sternly commands the boy to return at once. There is no response. Apparently enraged over the lad's disobedience, the faker senses a knife, climbs the rope and disappears also. All is silence. Then, apparently from a great height, comes a bloodcurding ery. A few seconds later the speciators are hornfied to see the dissevered and bloody arms, legs, head and trunk of the boy drop to the ground. The falar now descends the rope, and as the angry spectators rush toward him, he quickly gathers the dismembered parts of the boy's body, pats them together and covers them with a cloth. After a few invantations he removes the cloth, disclosing the boy,



The Singapore "Torture Club"

To insure happiness in the hereafter Hindu fanatics device when taking torments for themselves. The man above undertook a thrework with under a blacing our on above end-ded with soils driven points upward. Bowle were hung from books subedded in the Seals

apparently as sound as ever, sitting with erossed legs upon his mat, a mule upon his diety face.

Thu performance, delying all known natural laws, haffled all who attempted to explain it until an America's newspaper man, so the story goes, elevery peered behind the mystery. Armed with a mapshot camera, he possed the crowd of speclators, and during the most exciting magnents made a number of exposures. Wade his own eyes seemed to see all that the other spectators saw, the cold eye of the camera registered something for different. Instead of rope thinbing and falling limbs, every one of the negatives showed the faker and his assistant secencly silising on their main throughout the entire performance.

Later the camera test was applied to be other faker mysteries, with mindar results. For example, the growth of a palm tree within a few moments after a faker apparently had planted the seed between the paving stones of a public on photographs taken during the performance. In many demonstrations of this fumous trick, witnesses reported that they saw the tree clearly, although it impresses them as being unreas

The answer, as suggested by a number of psychologists, is that such magnetic spectacles really are only diamons created in the imaginations of spectators by the hypnotic power of the fakir. Through years of strenuous discipline, the fakir has trained his (Continued on page 132)

### On Top in the April Contest



Second Prize

Confined to his home by Illness. Walter A. Bourngey of St. Paul, Minns. furind much entertainment in scarching for the mistakes of John and Mary. Mr. Bollinger is a furniture salesman, forty seven years old. He wins the second prime, \$100 cash.



First Prize

When Albed T Benfro of Bellevus. Work, first new the April Content Picture abovering John sharpening the lown mount for thought he would not enter the competition, because he knew pothing of movers or their care. On account thought however he decided it would not be sportamentality to give up for that resears. So he set out to learn everything possible about them, interviewing movers sharpeners and consulting back numbers of Postucia Scance Memerica, And result, he not only wish the first price of \$300, but now he probably can by claim to know more about movers than anything the in his town. Mr Benfro is a commercial action



Third Prize

Maribelle and Edward, Jr. were the happert members of the family of Edward H., Sames of La Saile. III. when they learned that the judges had awarded him the third price of \$50. Mr. Sames is an automobile repoir man, whose hobby is experimenting

### Meet Some of the Other Leading Contestants



Mrs. Eva M. Saunders of Botwer, N. Y., submatted her answers in the form of humorous rhymes. "The dog certainly gave me a brap of trouble," she writes

"The prim made a pleasing graduat on present writes Robert McCarthy eight-ren (right), who has just finished a high school course at Ob City, Pa.



James A. Gibson, age 14 (left), draw mother sort of prior from the water mear his home to Victoria, B. C. It's an 18% pound salmon. James is shown here with his brother



The second oldest of twelve children, Leo J. Scanlon of Pittaburgh, Ph., writes to tell in he has acquired "the habit of helping others so well so myses!"





"My husband and our sixtus-year-old a n a , Jack. sided me with many valuable suggrations. easys Mrs. M. S. Ringland, a writer of Islangton, Ont., Canada

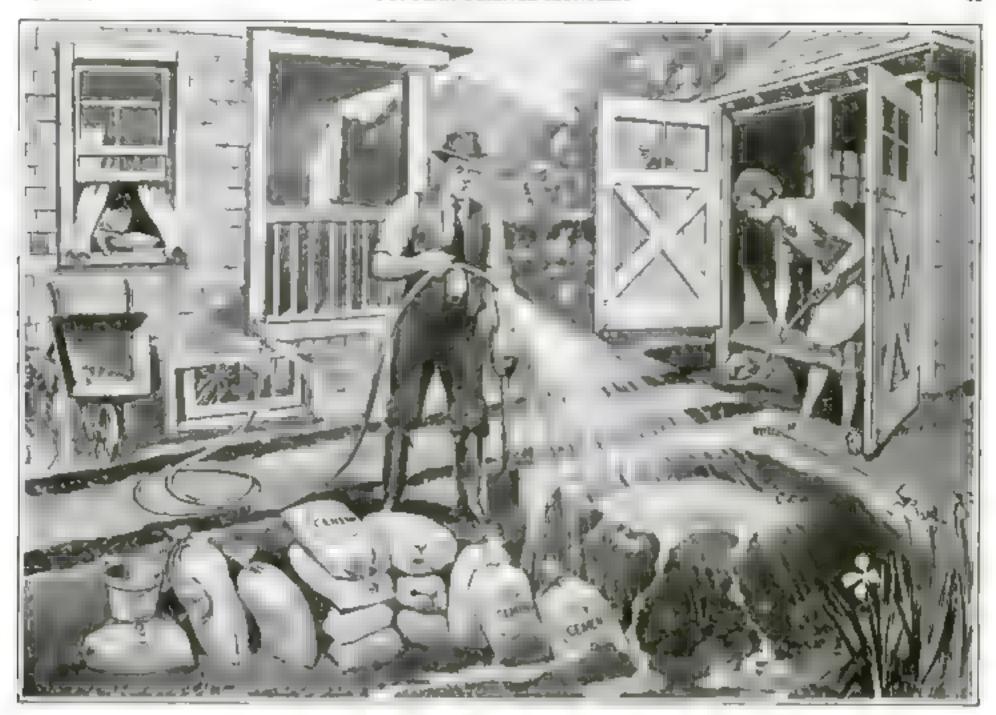
"Each Contest Picture offers a hundred ridfiles and challenges," writes F L. Rohrbach left, an electrical engineer of Bookane, Wash. Photoshowshira with his two children



Herbert T. Potter of Leonardsburg, Ohio. and goe of his children. He is a cural mail carrier. Working on the contest beloed to forget his troubles while laid up with the "flu"



T. A. Rogers of Yakima. Wesh., with two of his most faithful friends, "Tut" and "Sport." An engager and inventor he is using his prize money for his experiments with internal combustion motors.



John and Mary Newlywed decide to build concrete runways to their garage. They buy the rement and enthusian cally begin the job. What are they doing wrong, and why is it wrong? What mistakes has the

ertist made in drawing the pirture? Write down as empy errors so you can find and compare your results with those of one of your family or your friends. Another interesting picture will appear next month

### What's Wrong in This Picture?

### The Newlyweds Are with Us Again in a Fascinating Game

Newlywes among our best friends, 'a reader of Porticus Science Monthly wrote recently. My wife and I have just started housekeeping and already we have myed ourselves many a laughable mistake by figuring out the errors of this young rouple. The What's Wrot's pictures have been the most helpful I ever have seen.

Hundreds of others have expressed their appreciation of the sense of John

and Mary pictures that have appeared from month to month. Finding errors of the Newlyweds they say, has acreased their power of observation, aroused their angeniarty agent wided to their useful knowledge. Everything from seed catalogies to Shakespeare has been segment for class, and, rudging from the letters, those who have been successful have developed into the world's most eart ques-Loners.

Although the series of Preze Contest Pictures has been completed, so many of our readers have found pleasure and profit in them that we plan to continue publishing the John and Mary picture purales, but without offering prizes for the best soutions. In following the further adventures of John and Mary in home-traking, beginning with this issue was will find that the search for their errors is a fastimating game. Moreover you libe surprised how it will sharpen your powers of

observation and add to your knowledge.

In this month's picture the energetic couple are working on a drive for their

garage.

The cement came the other day and John piled it close to the house. Here you see John getting to work with a will mixing the concrete. Mary has worked enough in her garden to know how to handle a spade. She is heaping prepare the bed for the rooways.

They are having a grand time, both of

them, yet in their enthususm they are making a number of serious matakes. Then, too, the artist has made certain errors in draw ing the picture. How many mutakes of all kinds can you find? List the mistakes on a pace of paper. Then, compare your results with those of a relative or friend. See which one of you can display the keenest observation and widest knowledge. There is be another picture next month.

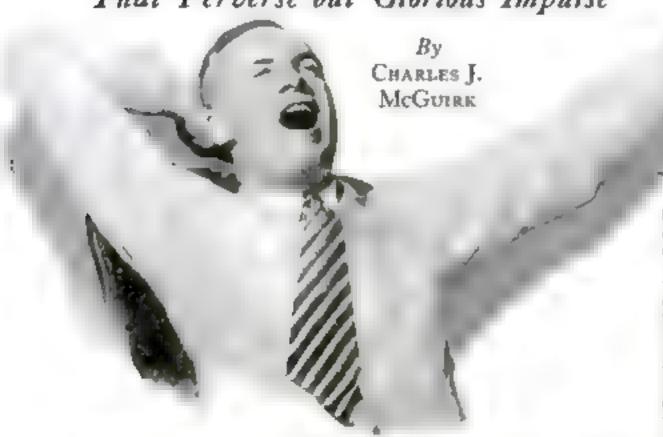
#### Look for Your Name Next Month

Till, judges are now how completing the prize awards for the May Picture Contest. The complete last of winners in this contest will appear in our Detaber issue. You'll want to see if your name is among them.

The October number, by the way, will be parked full of fascinating features, including another installment of Archibald Douglas Turnbull's great serial stars of Benjamin Franklin; more of Sam Layd's famous begin twisters, more of the wonder stories of science; and many other useful articles.

### If People Yawn When You Talk

It May Be the Sincerest Compliment They Could Pay-Some Startling Facts about That Perverse but Glorious Impulse



BRAND-NEW baby yawns. Lying there, a tiny mite in a roacing world, he is seized with an impulse. Anxioni watchers see his face screw into a knot and the lids of his tight. closed even draw even tighter together He micks in a beeath that you can hear. As his reschied mouth starts to open might ly, his little hands close to form thats his chest raises, his fists stretch out and his body twists while his head pushes back. Team squeent from between his eyends and los mot the becomes moist.

"You! General! he remarks as his fond father grins.

That yawn is one of the first grand and glatious feelings he experiences. Oftentimes, also, it is his first meal a log morthful of that cheapest and most proceeds necessity of life--air

'Well, what of it'" say you "Every body yawas. Never new anybody that couldn't and didn't-often. Nothing in a

yawa to get excited about." And that is what I thought until one day a nurse told me that frequently it was a symptom, looked for and recogmuch as such by physicians and surgeous. of various "pathological conditions." So I went on the trail of the omnipresent yawn, and in the course of nov investigation came upon Dr. Clay Ray Murray, assumate attending surgeon at the Lincoln Hospital, New York City, and Dr. Frederic Damrau, neurologist, of Brooklyn. Both of these men supplied me with startling facts concerning that complicated mascular movement—the yawa.

Yawning is an involuntary act. You can no more stop one than you can jump over Nugara Falls. It can be caused by any number of things. We yawn when we are bored, but we yawn when we are exested, too; we yawn when we are sleepy and when we've had too much shep, when we are emoying the best of health, or when we are ack, or about to be And, strangest of all, we may yawn when we are about to the

Anything will start a yawn. An earpest, monotonous talker seeing somebody else do it, excessive nervousness, love, too much concentrated attention or not enough of it.

I ademeath all of these things, which the doctors term "mounting sensory mapulses," the primary purpose of the yawn

is to supply the imperative demands of our bedies for "more air and burry up about it?

'HE yawn strelf in really an intensification of breathing. Its mechanics ave the same as that of normal respiration. same muscles are called into play, but their movementa are more extended Every muscle that is called into play, either directly or indirectly in the expansion of the chest (which is inhaling) and all the muscles used in exhaling are utsheed. But in the fully developed yawn there is action also in the muscles of the face, the depressors of the lower jaw, the dila-

tors of the postrils and upper lip, the muscles governing the larynx, the palate, the back muscles of the throat and, when a stretch follows it, of every muscle in the body.

medulla oblongata or small brain. This is another way of saying that it is a reflex action of the nerves which is directed by the great central awitchboard at the

The doctors say that

a yawa follows a neuro-

logical pattern and is governed through the

base of our skall which takes 'ears of every action, voluntary or involuntary, of our bedses.

In the medulia oblongata are all the various nerve centers, such as respiratory, or breatling, gustatory, or esting, exerctory or ducharging, everything that our hodies are called upon to do. For instance, if the lungs were kept intact and the nerves used for telegraphing to the medulla oblungata were severed or destroyed, we couldn't breathe and we would die of suffection for no apparent

Keeping that in mind, you will get some ales, of the neurological pattern of a

First, you have your incoming senby seeing someone else yawning or by meeting one of those earnest, long-winded talkers. Or the blood may be deficient in oxygen and is telegraphing for "more air." Or we may be mentally or physically tired.

Whatever it is, the message is carried instantly to the "respiratory central" in the nerve center. The respiratory central

"pluga in." "Breathe she telegraphs through the vagus nceve. We mart the deep breath, "Eat | she orders, and we get an overwhelming impulse to open our mouths, while an increased flow of saliva is started. "Deeper," she orders the chest muscles, and the mr sucks into our lungs as space is made for them by the expanded chest. "Reach out!" she insists, and our shoulder and arm muscles obey. "You, too" she orders the legs. And the first thing we know, we are in one long, luxurous yawning stretch, with every

muscle taut and pushing one against

the other.

Oxygen pours into the lungs. The blood takes it up and rushes it along through the venous system. We are



He enddenly yawns-at the climust of your sales talk. Was it beredom? Perhaps it was, But it usty have been a sign of the keenest interest, 100, doctors see

Literally "purified and cleansed," new men and new women ready to stand and stand for anything.

The yawn is a wonderful halancer, and there is no doubt it does much to keep us comfortable under trying conditions.

You have probably poticed that when you are in a crowded subway car or a room insufficiently serated, you yawn. Now you know the reason. It is an instant answer to any retardation of the breathing or to any influence which tends to cut down the necessary oxygen in the blood.

MAN sats in a poker game where the A "sky is the limit." He plays along with indifferent lock until there comes a moment. Picking up his five cards, he behokla a straight flush, one of the game's highest limits. Being an experienced player, he reframm from rising and giving three rousing cheers. Instead, he aits very quetly and waits for someone to "open," He gets his wish because Fortune, being a woman, has become tared of monotony and craves action. To three other players she has given lands worthy of not only the deepest appreciation but the warmest support

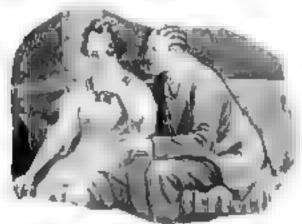
Somebody bets. He mises, It comes around to him again, he moves again. The pile of chips in the rester grows ingger and bagger. Everybody is betting and raising, betting and rusing again. An or looker, knowing what our friend holds, is amazed at los control. Not by the quiver of an eyelash does he betray the dynamite. with which he is going to demolish the other three and rake in the pot.

AND the onlooker's admiration a raised to the nth power when middenly our friend of the straight flush throws back has head-and yawtad

Say, you're a poker face, I'll tell the world! I the onlooker compliments kins, as he pulls in the pot. And he admits it. He really thinks he m. But he could no more have kept from yawning than he could

have flown.

Here is what happened. He picked up his eards and saw the straight flush. His heart, after missing a beat, went to work at increased speed. He was in the grip of excitement. Normally, he abould have done just what he didn't do, given three cheers. Instead, he kept on the musk of andifference. I nder the mask, excitement tegan to burn him up. And auddenly, be rheln't have much oxygen left.



And when ahe yewns-just when you are perving yourself for the big moment-at is a ten to one but it a because her heart has been protonding at an unaccustomed speed, too

"Oxygen. Lots of it is a horry!" telegraphed the heart to the medula oldengata. Result, the yawn.

A shy young man goes courting the girl who in his dreams he pictures as his wife. He finds her in the porch swing with mother and father mysteriously absent. and he nervously takes his place beade her at her invitation.

The air is heavy with the breath of ruses and growing things. He hears the insects whispering. A big frog "jug o' rums" somewhere along the river

He wants to take her hand, Awfully. Just to hold her hand a minute. They talk. If he could just reach out his finger, accodentally, of course, and manage to brush the hand close beside limit He starts, loses his nerve, and gulps. They talk some more. He gards himself to a supreme effort. He reaches out and-she moves the hand to bide her mouth, which has opened in an involuntary years

### Why We Yawn

"A NYTHING will start a yawn. An carmest, monotonous talker, seeing somebody else do it; excessive nervousness; love; too much concentrated attention or not enough of it.

"We yawn when we are bored, but we yawn when we are excited, toot we yawn when we are eleeps and when we've had too much sleep: when we are enjoying the best of bealth, or when we are sick or about to be. And strangest of all, we may yawn when we are about to die.

"Underneath all of these things, the primary purpose of the vawn is to supply the imperative demands of our bodies for 'more air and hurry up about it!" "

Dawg gone! He'll never get anywhere with her. Here she is, bured to death with lam. And he says good night.

When he is safely out of hearing, she punches the cushion and has a good cry What in the matter with Henry? And what is the matter with hee? Just when she felt in her hones he was getting up nerve enough to kim her-or hold her hand anyway—she had to go and yawn!

It was the same reason as with the lucky poker player Excitement enting up oxygen and her heart, that is punting for her lover, sending up a cry for "more art!"

An assistant professor of economics in a small college early in the year began to entertain a hearty distinct for one of the students. This student, a boy from the farm, at the first lecture started a course of procedure the restruction of which made the professor want to murder him. He would set forward in his chair in an attitude of deepest attention, seemingly hanging on the prof a every word. Then, just as the lecturer was beginning to believe he had captured this particular student's imagination, the country boy's face would disa, pear behind a yawn.



"Poker face!" we shout, when the yawning scalawag unloads his dynamics and rates in the pot. But he could no more have belped brosself than he could by yawn was one of nature a ways of relieving the grap of unique represent excelement

The assistant professor, being young, was sensitive, and the country boy was beginning to become an obsession, when he happened to talk about him to an old doctor who was dean of the medical school. The dean laughed.

"Why," he said, "that boy is paying you the highest complement possible. He is so interested that his brain draws on the blood for more

oxygen. He has to yawn!"

The assutant was half convinced because he wanted to be. But when the results of the semester exams were known, the farm boy had received the highest marks. Literally, he had been dranking the aubject in-

THESE instances point out the I good side of yawning. Lawsin also have their bad index. And when they are bad, they are called symp-

When a physician is called to attend a patient softering from an illness whose pature has not yet been determined, the patient's frequent yawns help him to diagnose the ail-

The doctor knows that yawning frequently is the product of meiancholy, languer, terpor, ennui or weakness, or of the malane that precedes the oract of a disease.

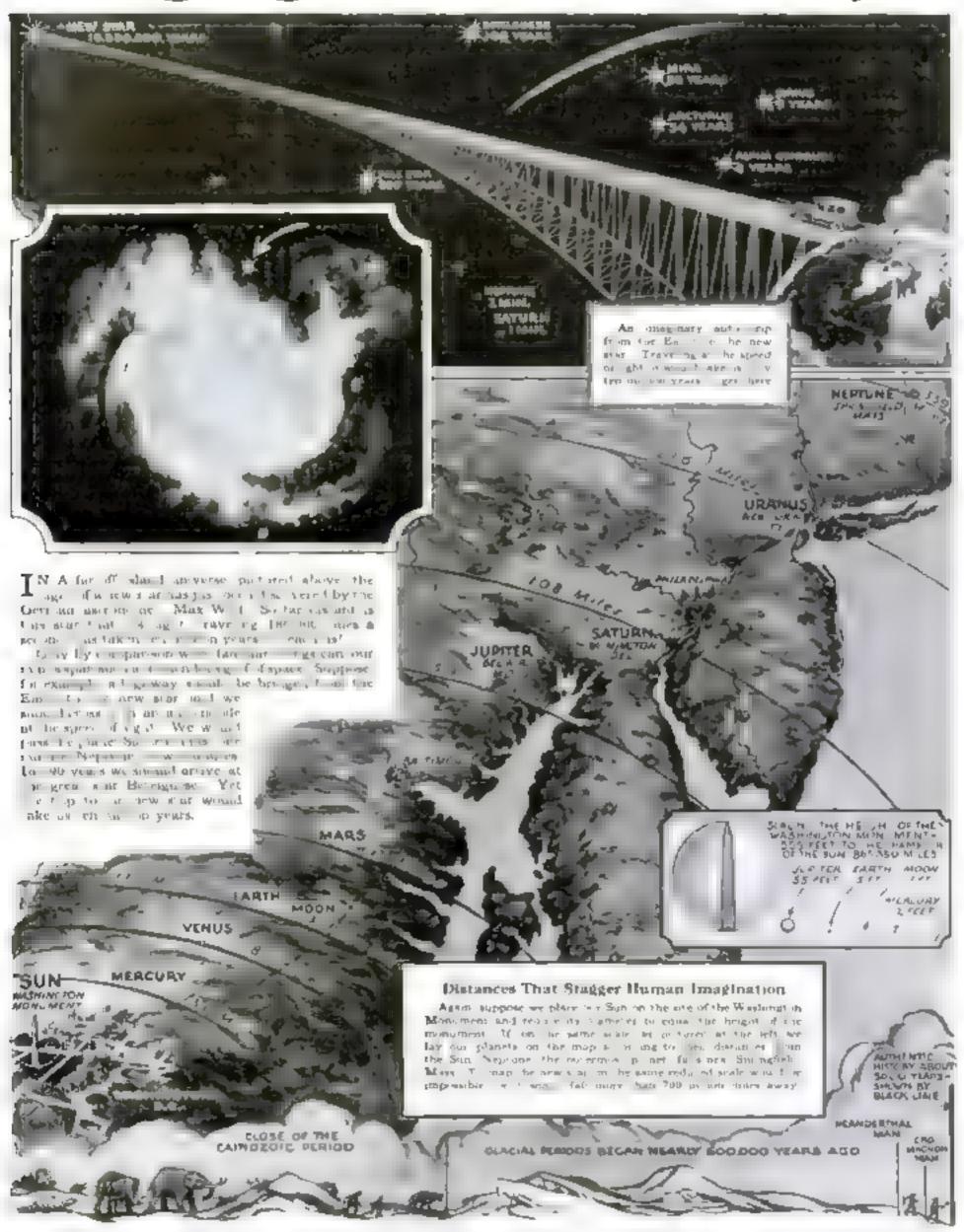
This patient the doctor is studying may be auffering from a flamingtion of the pericardium, or suck containmg the heart, for mataure. Or his big artery, the sorta, may not be functioning properly. Certainly, the physician knows, the patient is suffering from cometling that is interfering with his circulation or with his breathing or something che which has induced or is inducing mental or physical exhaustion.

S FAR back as Hopporrates, who is the Apatron saint of all doctors, the yawn was recognized as the precursor of a fever, particularly of malaria or intermittent fever. Hippocrates himself is said to have been able to tell from the frequency of the yawns just how bad the fever was going to be.

Then doctors got away from regarding the yawn as a symptom. But they recognize now that it is one of the symptoms preceding the coming attack of such eraptive fevers as chickenpox, smallpox, measles, scarlet fever and so on.

All in all, however, the yawn measures up as one of the meest things that can happen to us. It certainly gives us that grand and glorious feeling.

### Bridging a Celestial Abyss



Millions of years before the first glacial periods un earth, the celestial explosion occurred which storted the light of the new star upon its journey through space. It has just reached us. Compared with this great about of time, the little 5,000year interval of authentic history on earth, indicated by the width of the line at the extreme right of the sketch above, is but the flick of an cyclash. The past ages shown here equal only one tenth of the time it has taken the new star's light to reach ual

### What Oil Burner Shall I Buy?

An impartial expert answers a question thousands are asking—What you may expect from the various types of burners—Factors that should determine your choice

By P. E. FANSLER

People have asked me this question more frequently, perhaps, than any other. Scores of letters are received daily by the Popular Science Institute of Standards asking: "What burner shall I buy? Tell me what is the best burner?"

There is no "best" oil burner. Many

There is no "best" oil burner. Many satisfactory makes are now on the market, any one of which will give you complete heating comfort in your own home. Each has its own particular advantages and features. But before you can make an intelligent choice, it is necessary for you to get clearly in mail some of the basic principles of all burner operators.

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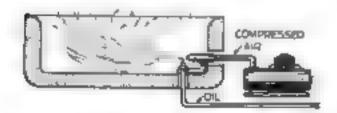
In the first place, no oil burner actually burns oil. An oil burner is simply a gas making machine for the conversion of fluid oil to a gas that will burn properly when maked with air And the only difference between the various makes of oil burners in in the way they accomplish the same desired result.

Oil burners for use in home heating may be divided roughly into two major classes. There are atmospheric, or so-called "gravity" burners, and mechanical draft burners. An atmospheric burners of the highest grade can be purchased at prices up to about \$5.00, while the mechanical draft type of burner costs from around \$150 to \$1500, depending on the capacity of the burner and the size of the storage tank and the other refinements and conven-

Satisfactory bome beating is possible with the better grades of atmospheric burners, but you must have a mechanical draft type of burner if you want the greatest possible comfort from your burner, because only with the latter type is it possible to channate the need for constant adjustment and periodic shutdowns to clean out the soot.

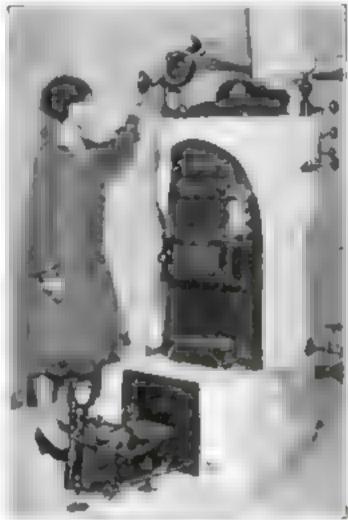
THE greatest advantage of using oil to heat your home her in the fact that the heat is turned on and off automatically so that the house is always kept within a degree or two of the desired temperature no matter how the weather changes outdoors.

In all types of mechanical draft oil



Like a Perfume Atomizer

Fig. 1. One way of breaking up oil. Two other methods used are shown at right

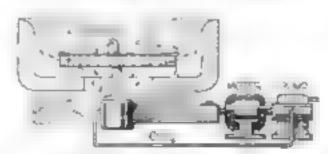


From Fall To Spring-Heating Comfort

The oil human automatically herps the house at the same temperature from the time you turn it on in the fall until you shot it down in the upring

burners, this automatic control is accomplished electrically. The illustration on the next page shows a simple arrangement that is, of course, varied in detail to suit the particular type of oil burner, t'pstairs on the main floor there is a delicate thermostat that goes into action the minute the temperature in the house geta colder than desired.

If, for instance, the room cools off to saxty-nine degrees while the control is set for seventy degrees, the thermostat immediately closes an electric contact that starts up the oil burner in the cellar. The mixture of air aid finely divided furnace oil is fed into the heating plant, where it is ignited by the gas pilot flame or the electric spark, and in a few seconds the oil burner is generating heat at full blast. Shortly thereafter the radiators in



This Burner Spins the Oil

Fig. 2. Rotating at a high speed, the atomining disk throws off the oil in fine particles your home begin to ruise the temperature, and when it reaches seventy one degrees the thermostat cuts the electric circuit to stop the mechanism once more, and the burner stands by in to the next call for heat is transmatted to it from the thermostat.

HREE racthods used by various all burners for converting the oil to gas and musing it with hir are graphicals explained a the diagrams at the bottom of this page. Fig. 1 shows a sample design for a mechanical draft type of oil burner. In burners of that type the jet of air brown meroas the ead of a small ping connected with the oil supply creates a metson that draws oil out of the pipe and breaks it up into small particles. It is the familiar perfusie atomiser designed on a large scale to do to the oil what the tray assumer does to the perform. The same principle in one form or another is used in practically all types of automolete earlogeters.

A variation of this pracrible used in some a liberiers is the Venturi time idea. The air is passed through a double tapered tube at high speed, and the oil is sucked out of a small hole in the wall of the tube at the smallest

But this is only one of the methods used in breaking up the oil into fine particles and innerig it with air. Several types use beasontal rotating disks connected with the electric motor that operates the blower. The oil is fed slowly onto the center of this rapidly spinning disk and is thrown off the edges by centrifogal fives in the form of tory drops. At this point it encounters a blast of air that it roing around the disk.

A SIMPLIFIED drawing of a burner built along these lines is shown in Fig. 2. The shape and size of the disk is varied to anit the ideas of each manufacturer so that it will give the nearest appearsh to a perfect mixture under the conditions obtaining in the heating plant where it is installed. Some types of disks are made with serrated edges to help break up the oil.

All oil burners of the mechanical type use a draft of air produced by a blower connected to an electric motor, but some



#### Oil and Air Under Pressure

Fig. 3. Oil sports from a special nossie, produces a fine spray and muses with air column. types do not depend on the section of the air jet to feed the cal. They are equipped with pressure of pumps geared or belted to the same motor so that both the oil and the air are fed by positive pressure. One type forces the oil under a pressure of about 100 posside through a special noszle constructed so that the oil usnes from the end of it in the form of a fine apmy that encounters the entering of time of a ring the compustion counter. Such a design is some upon the arawing of Fig. 3.

There are non-variations in the methods of horning the oil gas after it is introducest into the tire box. Some many a -

turers believe that the oil should be hurned in a fire pot made of special refractory material that resists the effects of heat developed by the burning oil-gas. Others line the ash pit of the boiler with fire brick in such a way that the flame touches only the bricks.

THE object of these precautions is to prevent the flame from touching the metal of the boiler. At first sight it would appear that the best way to best anything would be to direct a flume against it. That is true if the flame is of the blue type such as is produced by a gas stove. On hursers of most types, however.

produce a humanous flame, and if has flame actually prayed against the relative by cold from the result would be the name as it is when you hold anything made of cold metal directly in the flame of a candle. Boot is deposited in large quantities, and if an oil burner were operated in this way the whole furnace would soon become clogged with soot. To heat anything with a candle, you hold the object just above the point of the flame. The name principle is used in the operation of all types of oil burners.

Practically all types of high grade mechanical draft oil burners require that your house be wired for electricity, because all use an electric motor of about

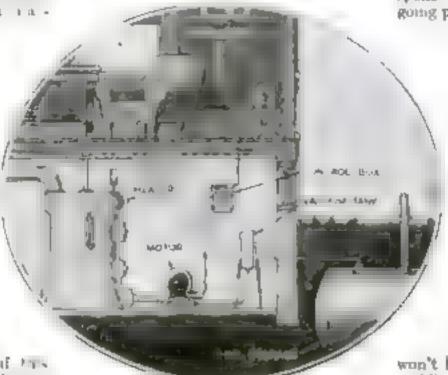
one-quarter horsepower to operate the blower, oil pump or retating disk. So if you haven't electric lights in your house, you are limited to an atmospheric type of burner.

SOME types of oil humers use a gas pilot to ignite the oilgas when the thermostat turns on the current that starts the esectric motor. Others use an electric spark from a special make spark plug connected to a high tension coil of the automobile type or a high tension transformer. The current to operate the ignition device is always obtained from the house wires, of course, so that no hattenes are needed. If your home is wired for electricity but not piped for gas, you must climmate from consideration all types of oil burners that can be operated only with a gas pilot flame or that use a gas prior. figme to heat a vaporring plate. Unless, of course, you obtain a supply of bottled gas.

The question of noise is frequently discussed in connection with oil burners. But the amount of noise made by the blower motor and the roar of the flame depends entirely on the type of heating plant and the location of the burner.

As a general rule you will find that the noise produced by the hurning oil flame is heard through the house to a nuch greater degree if the heating plant is of the hot air type than would be the case with either hot water or steam.

But most types of modern oil burners



How the Thermostat Works

When the temperature changes upstairs, the thermostal, usually unstalled in the living room, either starts or stops the oil burner in the beament, to bring the temperature to normal. This process is continuous and substantic

are surprisingly quiet. What noise there is usually consists of the steady hum of the electric mater plus the noise of the blower—say about the noise of an ordinary electric fan. Oil that is burning under forced draft produces a steady

rearing or rushing sound that is greatly muffied by the furnace itself. The degree to which this sound is muffled depends largely upon the asse and shape of the furnace. Certainly the average home owner will soon become accustomed to the slight noise produced by the modern oil burner. And at six o'clock of a freesing cold winter morning, the alight noise of a properly functioning oil burner forecasting a nice, warm house in which to dress and eat breakfast, would be a welcome sound to most of us. No time spent in a cold cellar getting the fire going properly!

THE natural deaft in your channey is a vital factor in the success of any of the atmospheric type of burners, but a good draft is emential with even the mechanical type of burner. You can't expect an oil burner to give satisfactory service when the draft is su poor from clogged and nouty paper that even a coal fire burns aluggishly

The matter of storage of the oil fuel must be considered in deciding on what type of oil hurner to buy, because the storage system is an essential part of the installation. By all means get a large tank so that you

won't be caught without oil right in the middle of a long spell of cold weather accompanied by anomatorms. The trucks that deliver oil are just as likely to get stack in anowdrifts in winter as the coal wagon.

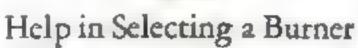
You should have a tank hig enough to run your oil burner for at least two months without refiling.

So MANY factors enter into the question of what oil burner to buy that it is impossible to deal specifically with details of all types of installations in an acticle like this. However, the officials of the Popular Science Institute of Standards have prepared a chart on which you can

list the details of your own particular home heating problem. If you will fill in this chart completely, it will present to the Institute experts a mental picture of your heating plant and they will be able to give you specific advice. A copy of this chart can be obtained by writing to the Popular Science Institute of Standards, 250 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Of course you must understand that an oil burner is not a cure-all. You cannot correct all of the deficiencies that now exist in your heating plant by potting in an oil burner. That is why it is so important for you to give us all the details of your present equipment.

This article, the second in an anatomally informative series, was written by P E. Fansler associate editor of The Heating and Ventilating Magazine and Secretary of Public Relations of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers. The next article in this series will appear in an early stance.



THE engineers of the Popular Science Institute of Standards are ready to help you solve your oil burner problems.

The Institute has undertaken, in conjunction with The Heating and Ventilating Magazine, a nation-wide survey to determine the efficiency of the several oil burners.

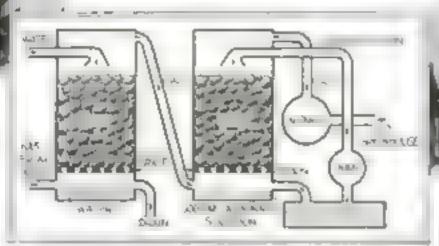
This survey is the most elaborate of its kind ever made. Oil burners to homes in every part of the United States are being inspected and detailed reports are being compiled on the results of the various types.

For information about oil-burning equipment for your home, write to Popular Science Institute of Standards, 250 Fourth Avenue, New York City. A chart has just been prepared that will assist you in solving your problem. Ask for it!

### A Coal Gas Diet for Plants



By ERNEST BADE



How Cate In Fed to Plants

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Full Crowth in Five Weeks

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from your clumney to the back yard garden and use the coal gas from your furnace to fertilize vegetables and flowers, you probably would laugh at

Yet virtually that same thing is being done today in remarkable experiments conducted in at least two plant laboratories near New York. Plants are being made to grow and flourish as never before on a simple diet of earbon diocsie—the gas of combination given off by the very fornaces used to warm the greenhouses in which the plants are grown!

That such things have proved possible, even experimentally is due to comparatively recent scientific decoveries concerning the manner in which plants breathe and draw nourishment from the almosphere, the minshine, and the earth. It has been learned, for one thing, that plants breathe like animals. Thus a plant takes in oxygen through tiny openings in

its leaves, called stomata, much as we breatheoxygen through our noses, and gives off carbon diuxide.

IT HAS been found, lowever, that under the influence of sunlight, the plant, white breathing oxygen, also drawn in carbon dioxide, which perviates the atmosphere, and uses this gas to manufacture the starch on which its growth depends.

It is through study of this starch-making property that experimenters have been able to achieve remarkable results in increasing plant growth. They have found that by slightly increasing the quantity of carbon dioxide available to the

plants, and supplying the gas in the greenhouse at certain times of the day they can make the plants grow from two to three times as fast as they would ordinarily, and more lugarantly. The method by which this is accomplished is really nothing more than feeding a plant through its leaves by supplying the raw materials it needs to build its structure yet as a method of fertilization it is entirely new, and it is surprisingly mextendant.

In the starch-making process, which goes on in the leaves, the plant calls upon the rays of the sun to work a transformation which seems almost magical. The secret has in the wonderful properties of the green coloring matter, known as chlorophyll, which gives the leaves their hare.

First of ail, the raw materials for the production of starch are water, drawn from the earth through the plant roots, and carbon dionale breathed from the air through the tray leaf openings. When the water and earbon dioxide come together or the lowes, instantly the green coloring matter, strandated by the chemical influcare of sun ight, begins to perform a rapid series of chemical changes. First, carbonn and is formed. From this is produced forme and which, in turn, or clanged into formaldeby or Each of the fast two changes creates a by product, oxygen, which is thrown off a to the mr-From the formulderede a cyadensing process brings forth grape sugar, and finally, by a remarkable union of mosecuies, the grape ought in threed into

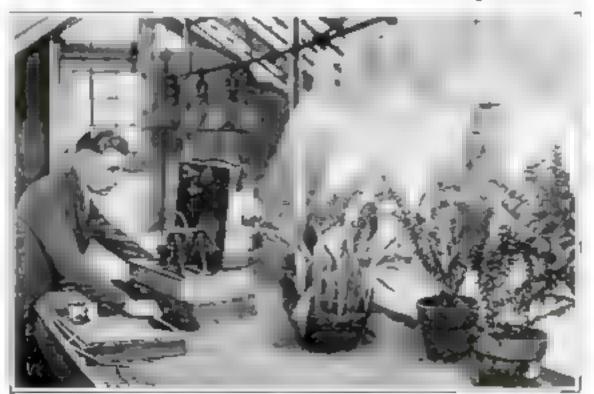
FOR purposes of comparison, one set of experimenters at the isocratory of a fertilizer company at Elmabeth, N. J.,

employ two greenmises. In one the plants grow in ordinary atmosphere, in the other they are fed extra doses of carbon distance. To supply the gas to the latter, ingenotes apparating has been installed to clean and party the gases of combission—produced in the furnice.

At the Boyce Thompson Institute, Youkers, N. Y., recently, red clover flowers were produced, using a carbon double process, one month after the seens were planted. Normally it requires a year to produce flowers from clever seed.

The way in which the plants seem to thrive on the strange diet suggests fascinating future possibilities.

### Wonders of Plant Cultivation Recorded by Movies



That plants can be grown as schedule and with amazing rapidity through the use of artsficial light was demonstrated recently by the Westinghouse Lamp Company. Moving pictures showed some plants progressing from land to full bloom in forty-five minutes

### Jurious Things Strange Devices Exhumed from the

By EDWIN

TRF than theby years ago a young mun, starting on his somnor vacation, strolled to the railroad station with a heavy suitease in each hand. On the way he encountered many of the out of worker acquaintagres and In the grater plant of the reason of the a throughout peaks in should be to do a go I so heet

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"Phew?" he breathed as he seated himself. "I m glad that's over! Somelasty ought to invent a but that would top itself when a fellow has his hands full! B gine he thought a manual late

And he did. He constructed a fact that would use whenever he nothfed his head Morsover a ser the title of "Soluting Desire the I most beates Governor

awarded to in a patent on the idea in the year of 1890.

The writer came across the patent papers of this and some other odd or fantastic conceptions of inventors while searche g among the Government records records The details of several of the most striking ones are given on these pages, the thustrations being adapted from the original patent drawing.

Most of these if yet from are not only highly rige also is but exalbe made to work. Yes, some of them on talk suggestions of practical value; and it is particularly interesting that in almost every case the sien reflects a certain trend of invention at the time it was patented

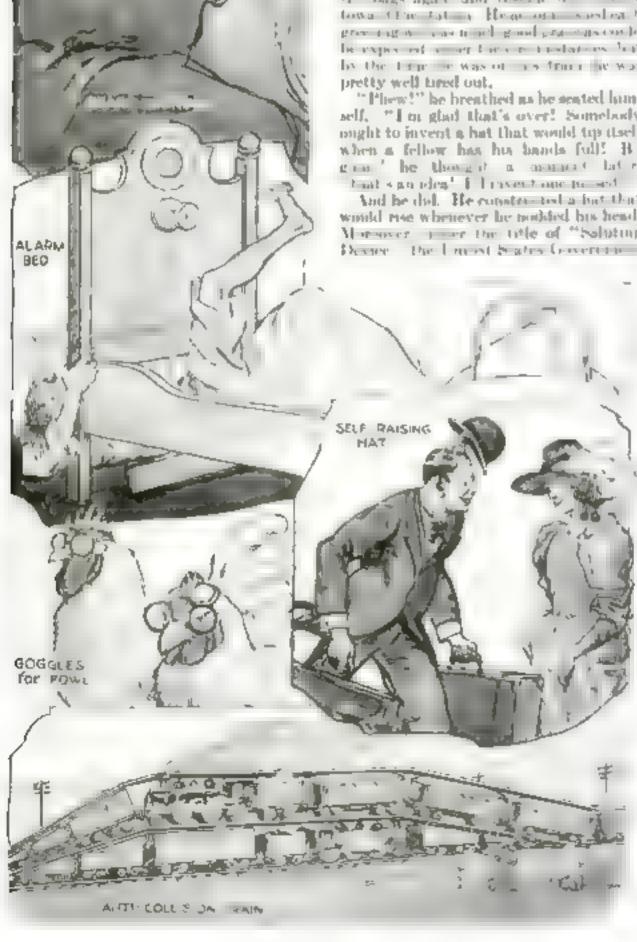
TAKE, for example, Patent No. 883 -"Alarm and Waking Bed," Quite evidently it was one of the heralds of the age of the suburbanite and commuter, for it provided an effective way of getting upin time to catch the morning train. Actually it is a sample inechanism for dumping the largering sleeper out of bed should he ignore the marm coock. If the deeper does not arme, the clock at the head of the hed trips a latch supporting the head portion of the harged bed frame, apilling the occupant on his head!

Similarly, one of many early attempts to supply the busy man with a quickshaving safety razor may be seen in the Smying Device." to which was granted Patent No. 640,065 in 1900. Behand that modest title is a device that is nothing more nor less than an emery wheel for grant og the whokers of? It consum of a small redier with an entery surface, driven from a belt connected with the whiel of a sewing machine. Let the liventer deacribe its operation

"I'I'I abending surface of the roller," I he says in his patent papers, "le held in contact with the face of the user. and the roller given a continuous rotary motion at a high rate of speed and the roller moved over the face as the beard is worn away, the device to be used on a perfectly dry face, no soup or water being

As to the safety of it, only the man who has tried it can tell

Again, one of the beginnings of the modern vogue for face lifting, permanent waves and similar beautifiers perhaps may be found in the "Device for Producing Damples," patented in 1896. This is simply a brace and bit for wearing down a next hollow in the flesh wherever the dimple may be desired! The business end consists of a knob that is placed on the desired spot, and an arm with massaging roller which awings about the knob in a small circle as the crank is turned. With this the inventor proposed to produce an "artistic dimple" of almost any size you might want.



### People Invent

### Archives of the Patent Office

Кетсним

Equally novel is a wonderful beautifier for men-one which ought enhance the service in any well-equipped barber shop. It is called the "Hair Planter." Convinced that the way to put hair on a hald-headed man is to set out a new crop, the inventor patented a machine to pane ture the surface of the desert scalp and to plant a little sprout of barr in each puncture. He informs us that the sprouts to he thus planted should be "thoroughly stenlized, or otherwise treated to make them as staple as possible."

EAR since there were radways inven-tors have been racking their brains for foolproof ways of preventing grade crossing accidents. The result has been every thing from the hand operated gate to the latest auggestion for an electrified water apray controlled from the approaching train. Under the date of April 7, 1885. however, we find a patent that takes the prize for originality. This inventor proposed to attach the gates in front of the locomotive! They were to be in the form of key tongs which could be shot out ahead of the coweatcher, or pulled in, as circumstances demanded. Not the least part of the myention was a warming whistle at the tip of the lazy tengs. This was so contrived that it could be employed also to shoot a jet of steam at any cowthat might wander onto the tracks,

As for preventing train collisions, a high mark for ingenuity undoubtedly should go to the inventor who, in 1805, got a patent for a Radroad Train that would let an approaching train crawl right over its back. The idea was to have every train carry a treatle running along the top for the full length, and included at both ends. To make this possible the tops of the front and rear cars were to slope down to the level of the track. By this leapfrog system, the inventor explained, two-way traffic might continue without a hitch on a single track-

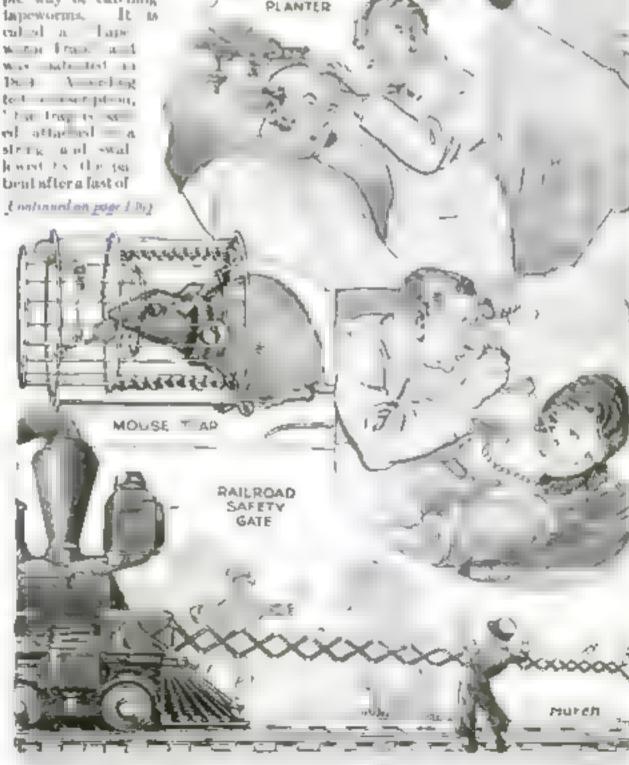
EVICES for human safety atways have been favorites with inventors. Back in the 1870's, when buildings were growing taller, ingenious minds turned feeely to the invention of new-langled fire escapes. One of the orlifest of these, patented in 1879, was in the form of a parachute attached to a headgear worn by the escaper. With this, declared the inventer, "a person may safely jump out of the window of a huming building from any beight, and land, without injury and without the least damage, on the ground," He further provided overshoes with thick rubber soles "to take up the concussors with the ground."

Household pests have offered another attractive field for inventive effort. Some of the results are astonishing. A shining example is a "Mouse Trap," patented in 1908, and based on the theory that the "sound or tinking of a bell is as a rule

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### Will It Be a Boy or a Girl?

### Strange Tests with Animals and Plants May Result in a Method of Predicting Sex of Unborn Babies

By PETER VISCHER

THE raide of sex determination, with which the Sphinx of Life has challenged men and women since time immemorial, soon may be solved by science. Extraordinary progress has already been made and research now under way in many lands forecasts a solution of the problem.

Recent experiments by Russian and German scientists, word of which has just reached America, indicate that preparations diagnosis is already possible with an accuracy of ninety nine percent. In other experiments quite increased, American and European accent status succeeded in changing the sex of certain auminus, such as pigeons, salamanders, fleas and hers.

In other words, it is now possible, according to these European scientists, for parents to learn whether their baby is to be a boy or a girl. Further, it is not beyond possibility that, by scientific means, the sex of homan beings some day may be changed before birth, or even later broadly, it may even be possible some day for parents to bring about the farth of a boy or girl, as they wish.

A chemical process for sex daggress has been worked out in Russia, by Dr. E. O. Manodov and Dr. O. Grisenberg, who amounteed that by the method they can tell definitely the sex of an initial or plant merely by testing a few drops of blood or of plant pices.

As appared practically, the block of a mother would be submitted to test. If her child was to be a boy, the test would disclose traces of male blood, for the chemical reagent used by the Russian amentical causes male blood to lose color, but has no effect upon female blood.

Dr. Manuflov's explanation is that the change in color depends on differences in the hemoglobin, or red coloring matter of the blood. In order to see whether the theory also applied to the green coloring matter in plants, which is chemically similar to beinoglobin the experimenters tested their process on plant solutions. They found that the plant extracts responsibled to the tests as definitely as did animal brood

AT ABOUT the same time scientists in Germany were pursuing a minutar investigation. They used and refined what is known medically as the "Wider haden reaction—based on the same theory developed by the Russian scientists. This reaction was found effective in seventy eight cases out of 100.

Dr. Sekheim, professor of gynecology at Halle, Germany, and his assistants, Doctors Lutge and you Mertz, elaborated on the reaction until the test acquired an accuracy of maety-mos percent and more. They made the interesting discovery, ineidentally, that in the case of twins of different sexes the development of a boy child is indicated. Also, that the birth of an extremely delicate boy usually results in the reaction that signalizes a girl which accounts largely for errors.

The reports of these experiments have been studied at the Department of tenebra of the Carnege Institution of

### Can Science Regulate Sex?

SEX diagnosis predicting whether an expected child is to be a boy or a girl is a problem that has challenged eminent acceptains since the earliest days. Yet not until recently, so Mr. Vischer tells in this fascinating article, has a method of sex diagnosis been developed that would stand acceptable accurating

And now scientists are endeavoring to solve a problem that is even more perplexing—sex determination—regulating the sex of an unborn child according to its parents—wishes

Though experiments with plants and ani mals have yielded some automishing results, biologists and medical men are divided in opinion as to the possibility of applying the knowledge gained in these experiments to the human race.

Washington, which has an extensive laboratory at its Station for Experimental Evolution at Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y. Here tests on plants were found to substantiate the Russian and German results, though Man Sophia Satina, Dr. A. h. Blakeslee and M. Demerc, the scientists who worked on the tests, are not yet ready to make details public.

Sex diagnosis, however, presents a comparatively simple problem as compared with sex transformation and sex determination. It is known that heredity operates in such a way as to assure nearly equal numbers of the two sexes. Sex is normally fixed and inherited in much the same way as are stature, color and other hereditary characteristics. So, it must be apparent that the transformation of sex involves too a transformation of these other characteristics.

There are, though, at least three cases thoroughly authenticated by accentists that show a complete transformation of the sex of adult animals.

Champy, a renowned French investa-

gator noticed the change on a salamander as the result of experiments began in the appring of 1920. He subjected a more Triton to revere fasting. In time, the salamander last its distinctly male characteristics and assumed a facuter condition, quite unlike that of females but similar to the condition merically assumed by salamanters in the winter. By the next apring this

and other males used in the experiments had lost definitely all male characteristics.

Two males severely fasted in the summer of 1920 were later intensely renours sed. And at the following waiter they were found to have assumed not merely a "neuter condition but a distinctly female appearance. One of the specimens died, but a few months later the other could not be distinguished from a typical female.

THE second case was that of a ben that became a counter, recently observed and described by Dr. P. A. E. Crew of the University of Edmburgh. A certain Scot award a Buff Organization hen and kept her till she was three and a half years old for the purposes of laying eggs and rearing her young. Sot months before the bird was brought to Dr. Crew's attention, the hen stopped laying eggs and began to show signs of disease.

Dr. Crew took the bird into his care at a time when alse was still nearly normal in appearance, though a tendency to crow had made ber annoying to her former owner. For twenty-two months Dr. Crew nursed the bird. Its health was restored, the comb notably enlarged, and spars were developed from the merest rudi-

ments to nearly two makes in length. The bird also manned the plumage and fighting manners of a cock. It unhesitatingly fought with cocks and became the father of two chickens. Thus, according to one countrie, "at least one diady-lighted intelligence of our time has achieved both motherhood and fatherhood of a noisy, persistent and fruitful portion of the life of the earth."

THE third case of complete sex transformation is that of a female ring-dove which became a male under the observation of Dr. Oscar Raddle of the Carnegie Institution. Dr. Riddle has been studying pigeous for fifteen years and has reached the conclusion that sex is determined by metabolism, that is, by the rate of oxidation at which food is built up into body tessues.

Dr Ruddle's pigeon, when she came under his observation, seemed no different from thousands of others. Careful records were kept of her and these show that (Continued on page 136)

The First Great
SALESMAN

of Science

Benjamin Franklin, Whose Genius Turned a Whole World's Attention to a Strange New Field—His Romantic and Epoch-Making Life

By Archibald Douglas Turnbull

Franche must mean something. Maybe to you the mention of his name calls up a picture of a rather portly old gentleman, ducking down behind an almanac and popping up to pelt the passer-by with such maxima as "Early to bed, early to rise." Others see him as a hage but indistinct shadow in the background of the Revolution, reflected upon all the pages of its bistory. And there must be those who remember him as the treaty maker, a diplomat and a statesman. These widely different ideas of Frankhi are the penalty that history has exacted from his versatility.

Every aide of han is interesting, not because he was the plaster saint that some must upon making him, but because be was essentially a very human being, blessed with a broad active, tolerant must, a thirst for knowledge, a suignar capacity for self-analysis, and best of all a racely equaled facility for telling what he believed or knew in such a way that anyone could understand him.

But of all the reflections of Franklin, none is more interesting than the scientific one. For a picture of this aide of the man we have only to remember the experiment with the kite by which alone he earned the right to be called the first American popularizer of science.

In 1752, near his Philadelphia bottle, say the old authorities, Franklin carried out this interesting, remarkable experiment. Into the thunderclouds above his head be flew his kite, watching its flight with eyes that betrayed alternately doubt and hope.

This kits was just an ordinary one, but it was made from a fine old silk handker-chief. At the top there was a thin wire, while at the lower end of the hempen string, by which the kite was controlled, was fixed a metal key. To the key was fixed a silk ribbon, and this ribbon. Franklip held in his hand.

A cloud passed and into his face crept hant of disappointment. Another hovered over the kite, and the loose strands of the hempen string stood out stiff and bruthing. Franklin held a finger toward them and they were attracted. Then he put his finger on the key mutantly saw the electric spark, and felt a shock. That proved his theory that lightning and electricity really are identical.

Franklin's time was

American age of science, invention, achievement, and progress. Men were robbang catakins upon amber or glass in experiments in electricity, with virtually no knowledge of the stupendous force behind the sparks they produced. Other men were trying to propel boats by such erade methods as steam-driven ours, while there was not even a bint of a Levisiban. American inventive genusi was stirring in the minds of men who, because they had to fight nature for a living, were beginning to investigate natural forces and phenomena. Franklin s own mind was a fertile field in which these aresis of science took early and productive root.

ORSCI RELY born, in Boston in 1706, one of seventeen children, he had no patrimony and few prospects. When little more than a baby the lad who was to die the most influential angle individual in the world was apprenticed to his brother James, proprietor and publisher of The Courant, one of New England's earliest newspapers. James best into Benjamin a real knowledge of the printer's trade. The mechanical dextenty which his fingers had to acquire to escape a ruler across the knowledge, prepared the boy for the more sensitive mentific instruments which the man was to handle later.

And then there was a natural eagerness to learn that drove him to borrow any book within reach—no matter how dull—to study it put it uside, and pumphrase it. Thus he was able, years later, to produce letters and essays on scientific subjects so clear that they might have served as children's textbooks, yet so convincing that they have ever since maintained his claim to a high place among the con-

He Showed Us the World
We Live In
Franklin probably wouldn't even
have called himself a scientist

have called himself a scientist. Yet he did may than any other man to make us see science on port of our daily lives just because he was a man tike all the rest of us, only more interested than anyone shad in the wonder works of nature because about him.

temporary scientists of all countries, As a voung Boston printer's devil, thirteen years old, he first turned inventor. It was his great

fordness for swimming, coupled with a natural desire to outshole his compansies, which led him to build a big kits and to experiment with the force of the ward as it blew over his favorite swimming hole. His own words describe that

"I found that, lying on my back and holding the stick (of the kite string) in my hand, I was drawn along the water in the most agreeable manner. I have never, since that time practiced this mode of swimming, the' I think it not impossible to cross in this manner from Calais to Dover."

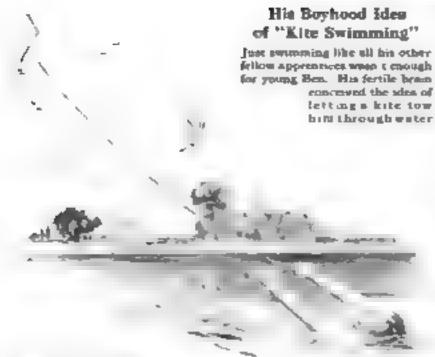
Up to date, none of the persistent cross-Channel swimmers seems to have made use of Frankin's method. But, were he able today, it would be characteristic of him to try it himself, if only to demonstrate to his own satisfaction that his invention had a correct foundation in physics.

EQUALLY practical in application was but design, at about this same time, for a pair of paddle-sandals, with which his feet could cut out such fancy strokes, over the water or under it, as to make his rival apprentices stop toweling their wet besils and stace at him in amazement.

Swimming always fascinated Franklin. Years afterward we find him writing to a friend who wanted advice

"I cannot agree," he said, "that it is too late in life for you to learn. Try the river, first, and have confidence. If you are afraid of water, to which your employment often takes you, there can be nothing better than learning to swim."

As to "curks and bladders," Franklin was not so sure of their value. "They



may keep you up, while you are learning the

str ses, but you will be no swemmer until you learn confidence in the water to support you." And, once he always bad a constructive bit of advice ready, he pro-

ceeded to give it:

"Choose a place where the water deepens gradually, and walk in coully until it is breast-high. Turn around, face to shore, and theore an egg between you and the shore. It will sink and be easily seen, but it must be so deep that you cannot reach it without diving. Encourage yourself by remembering that you are going from deeper to shadower water and plange for that egg. Keeping your eyes open, try with your hands and feet to reach it. Then you will discover that the water, holding you up, makes this difficult for you and, at the same time, your efforts will teach you what to do with yourself in the water

Four years of intensive training under James was enough for Benjamin, and at seventeen we find him running away to Philadelphia-the city over afterward

laked with his manie

That was the wisest move he could possibly have made. Not even his curioasly voracious intellect could have found in the Boston of his day other opportunity or time to feed upon science as its

lavorite meal

JPON the other hand, there already eneted a Philanembia an entirely d ferent atmosphere. In the long list of cerebrated men who lived in, or frequently s sited, that city, there were many inlensely interested in various branches of

There, for example, was a group atsorbed in the study of astronomy, among them David Rittenhouse, inventor of the metallic thermometer, developer of the construction of the compensation penduhun, student of the compressible quality of water, and designer of an apparatus to illustrate the motion of bodies in the solar system. With this last, he observed the movements of stars, notably the transit of Venus at about the middle of the century; a typical instance of Philadelphia's leadership, for there appears to be no record of observations of this event in other colomes. The result of every such observation was of interest to Frankhin and, when he could find time, he assisted in making them.

Similarly, it was certain to prove an

inspiration to Franklin that in Philadelphia were founded the first enlopud medical rollege and the first hospital. Here, for instance was produced Dr Robert Hare, Jr. inventor of the oxy-hystrogen blowpipe and general physicist of wide repute. In such surroundings. Franklin could not have avoided seaence, even if he would.

On the way from Boston to Plaladele phia, he conducted a accentific experi-

ment with himself an subject. After being slippwrecked on his way to Perth Amboy, Y J., he was extremely suck, and this is his description of his effort to effect a

In the evening," he writes, "I found nitself very feverali, and went to bed, But, having read somewhere that cold water, drank plentifulty, was good for a fever, I followed the prescription, sweat plentiful most of the night; my fever left rue and, in the morning, croming the ferry, I proceeded on my journey on foot."

have he made extraordularily good time in the next two days, it seems that his remerly must have been a good one, Ever afterward be remained a believer

in cold water, mode and out

N PHILADELPHIA, Franklin found A employment as a printer's devil with one Kenner a hopelessly melbrient uidividual whose shop equipment was of the poorest. Having converted his employer to a diet of vegetables. Franklin reports that he "got along very plemently " Shortly after, there walked into Kei-

mer's shop the resplendent Sir William Krith, Governor of Pennsylvania. Ketmer stepped forward, bowing-then, as

Franklin said. "stared like a pig posson d'at finding it was not the boss but Benjamin the apprentice, that was wanters all because Ser Wilmann had seen and liked one of his letters.

Out of a friendly glass of Madera, bought by the Governor and drunk by the apprentice. came a plan to send Franklin to London to buy whatever he needed to set up a printing shop of his awn. However, Keith's promised letters of introduction, which were to open all English gates, were not forthcoming. And so Franklin, landing penniless in London, had to go back to the only trade he knew

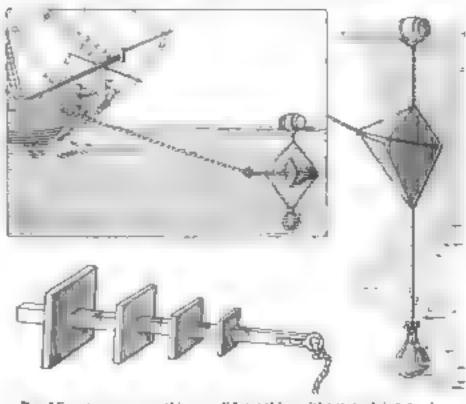
Working at the British press made him more than ever expert with his fingers and, on the aide, he picked up type founding. His "constant attendance" upon the job when others were incapacitated, together, he tells us, with his "uncommon quickness at composing," again resulted in his going on very pleasantly."

tgain, at "The Horns," a club which be frequented, his associates were the free-thinking individuals who made a Cheapside alchouse their headquarters. Through them, he made acquaintances among doctors-Lyons, Pemberton, and Mandey lie—and others referested in seience. These contacts exceesed his mind and stimulated his imagination. For example, a promise of a rintroduction to hir Isaac Newton even though it appeurs never actually to have been performed -was quite enough to set Franklin diggang into scientific books in preparation for so momentous an event.

WITHOUT doubt, the links formed in those early days were nearly all of one chain-the students. Her keen observation was brought to bear upon hundreds of things that were to affect his later life. And his writings of the period, although chiefly devoted to such youthful outbursts as "Liberty and Necessity, Pleasure and Paul," pevertheless are marked with that smoothness of penwhich was to make his later, more important, papers so peculiarly hield

It was his really professional knowledge of swimming which won him prominent English notice. That knowledge he had acquired by studying, from his early youth, the best methods of handling the human body in the water. 'aiming at the graceful as well as the useful." Returning from a visit to the countryside, with several men, he "stripped, leaped into the river, and awam from near Chelses to Blackfryars, performing on the way many feats of activity, both upon and under water, that surprised and pleased those to whom they were novelties." This very nearly brought about his remaining in Europe as head of a traveling

### Jottings from Franklin's



Franklin never new anything or did anything without evolving a scientific theory, then trying to prove it, and finally sharing his discovery with others. These anchor idose were results of his few see voyages

swimming school and the less of Franklin. to fame. A proposal that he open such a school in England is referred to by Franklin as having "struck me so forcibly" that, had it been made sooner, "I should probably have accepted it.

Finally, however, Franklin was persunded by Mr. Denham, a kindly merchant of Philadelphia whom he had met on the eastern voyage, to return to America as Denham's clerk. On hu way bome Franklin kept a journal that contained sterking instances of the interest he was ever afterward to take

He observed the fish and the airds, with as much as he could gather, in passing, of their habits. As for the heavens, he sat up all ore night to watch an eclipse of the moon.

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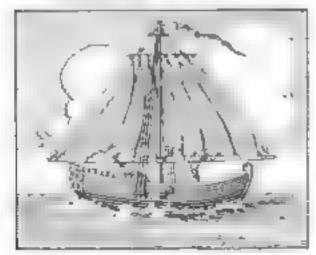
due, by Loudon time, to begin at 5 a.m. September 30, 1726. He describes the first shadow as beginning about 11 p.m. on the 29th, at the slup, and increasing, to "darken ber body about six ingits or one half," at 2 a.m.; "the middle being at about 12.30, by which we may discover that we are in a mendian of four and a half hours from London, or 67 by degrees of West Longitude."

THREE days later, he "cannot help fancying" that the water has changed color, a sure sign of nearing land, or, at least, soundings. When captain and mate will not agree to this, Franklin admits that the wish may be father to the thought—an adminion which proved well founded when his reckning was found to be in error.

It seems probable that Franklin did not suppose he would ever make practical use of the science of navigation. But he was unwilling that the storehouse of his mind should have no pigeonhole for the milject, in case it ever should come up again.

Working under Dennam, and dropping printing for dry goods, formed a short lolt in Franklin's life. It gave him the opportunity to go through a desperate illness which nearly ended has career





He thought he could improve on the methods of propelling boats, so he sketched thus saubost, paddie wheel and osciese rowbost

#### A Club of Young Enthusiasts

He became the leader of the Junto, a group of eathurisms: youths mapired with the purpost of bringing to light only new thing" and using it as the basis of their discussions



while, by a moder "distemper" he lost his good friend and employer. He was thus left, as he expresses it. "once more to the wide world', with no recourse but a return to Keimer.

However, as foreman of Keimer's shop. Franklin immediately made practical appheation of his London expenences. There being, apparently, no letter foundees in Philadelphia, be "contriv'd a mold, made use of the letters we had, as puncheons, struck the matrices in lead. and thus supply'd, in a pretty tolerable way, all deferencies". With some little success, too, he tried his hand at engraving, at the same time mixing the links for the house, as men did in those days, with powder and water. In short, he became the real handy man of Keimer's establishment, still another step in mechanical training and preparation.

LITTLE later he started a printing A office of his own, with a rather unsatisfactory partner named Meredith. For some years he was extremely busy While his fingers were flying, literally day and night, over such jobs as that early contract for forty pages of Quaker history-"pro patria mae, in pica, with long primer notes"—it was burdly to be expected that he should find leasure for conducting those scientific experiments in which his soul delighted. It was less to he expected when it is recalled that it was at just about this time that he bought a newspaper and made it over into "The Pennsylvania Gazette", the forefather of The Saturday Evening Post.

Yet, at this period, he did find time. somewhere, to become the organiser and very getive leader of the Junto, a club of about a dozen members, meeting every Fricing hight "to tell or to hear some new thing". Although the Junto was willing to take up any topic of contemporary interest, its tendency, inspired by Franklin, was largely toward the assentific. This is plainly shown by the list of stock questions which it was the custom to read out every time the club met. Take, for example, the very first question.

"Have you met with anything, in the author you last read, remarkable or suitable to be communicated to the Junto and discussed by us, particularly in history, morality, poetry, physics, travel, mechannearts, or other parts of knowledge? ?

Similarly, Franklin frequently directed both the written papers subjectted by the vaccous members, and the open delists which followed their reading, rate scientific channels. Thus the discussion would often turn upon auch points ax,

Is sound an entity-or body you "How may the phonomena of vapors be explained?

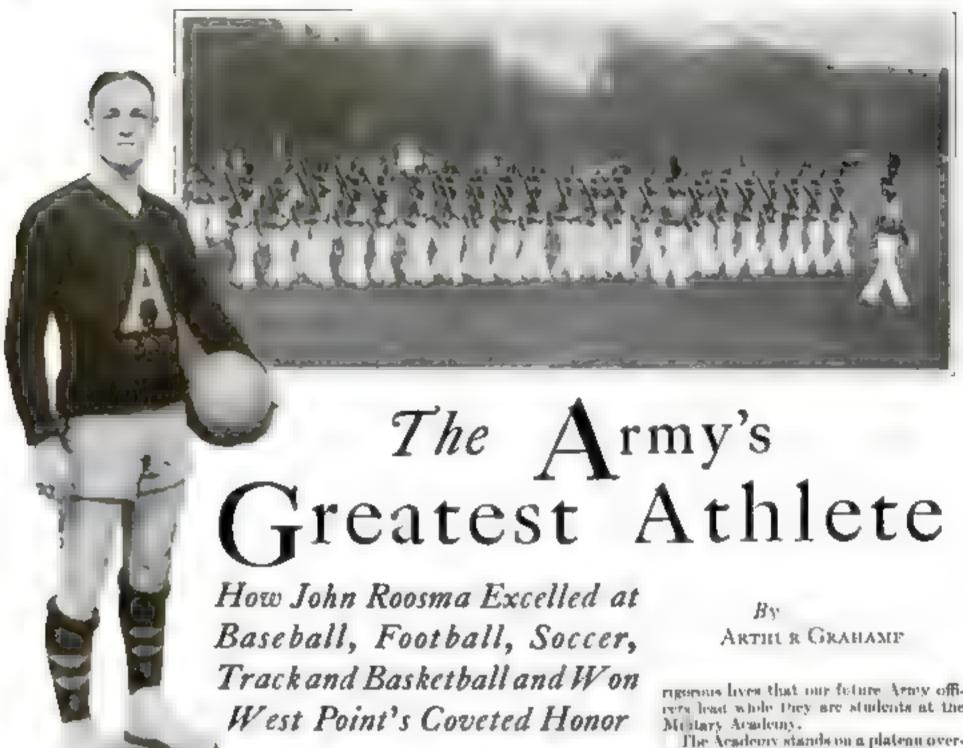
"What is the reason that the tides are higher in the Bay of Fundy than in the hay of Delaware'"

Since Franklin's was much the best mind in the club, he often had to answer the questions as well as propound them. Hence, without any apparatus or corps of lecturing professors, he led his associates, the young curpenters, draftsmen, mathematicians, surveyors and so on note fields of study broader than those to which they were severally devoted at the outset.

When the opportunity of printing new paper money came his way. Franklin promptly acced it. He wrote an emay which, if not economically quite sound. still proved a strong influence in persuading the legislature to authorize the paper sease. He also showed that he was able to produce from his presses attractive original designs, and won the contract.

TT WAS during those close-packed years 4 that he "ventured over all obstacles and took Mess Read to wife". However, as this was a marriage much more of comfortable convenience than of romance, it did not interfere with the Junto or with other activities outside his home. On the contrary, the acquisition of several childeen spurred him to fresh educational activities. These resulted in the founding of that small academy, which was to grow first into the College of Philadelphia and later into the present University of Pennsylvania. Being Franklin's creation, the academy's curriculum laid stress upon such subjects as "natural and mechanical philosophy, agriculture, physics, mathematics, chemistry, and amatomy ', a considerable program when the dry-as dust quality of the textbooks of the period on these subjects is remembered.

With the Junto as his first weapon, and the widest publicity as his ammunition, he hamppered (Continued on super Lt.)



in the iron discipline of West Point-Johany Rosema, 1926 wurster of the coveted Seber

A soldier champion, trained

VERY student an athlete." That is one ideal toward which most of our colleges are striving. now that the health-building, characterforming and bram-quickening values of competitive athirties are acknowledged by nearly all of them.

What the civilian colleges are still straying toward, however, is no longer the distant ideas it is the accomplished nemevement-of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The training of "officers and gentlemen ' for the leadership of the Army has been the business of West Point for well over a century. After several false starts. the first at Washington a suggestion in 1794, the Academy was placed on a working hasis by Act of Congress in 180?.

Physical training was stressed from the institution's beginning, and for many years competitive athletic sports were an important feature of Academy life. But until recently they were the kind of competitive attrictics that bring down showers of ent-cism on civilian colleges; the kind in which the training of varuty teams-composed mostly of "natural athletes" who least need athletic training gets nine-tenths of the attention, and the general student body—composed mostly of men who need athletic training, and often need it budly—is relegated to the part of spectators. Then, in 1920, a system of compulsory athletics was put into operatron at West Point, and the product of the Army's school became "an officer, a gentleman, -and an athlete."

bach March, West Point holds a big indoor athletic meet in which 300 or more cadeta compete for individual. class and company honors in track and field events, swimming, boxing wrestling, gymnastic events, fencing and handball. At the conclusion of this meet, two adversubers are awarded to members of the senior class. One of them, the Edgerton Saher, is presented to the outgoing foot-The other, the Army ball captain. Athletic Association Saber, is awarded to the first-classman who has excelled in general athletics during his four years at the Academy.

O WIN athletic supremacy in an I institution where every student is an athlete is a man-sized task. The Army Athletic Association Saber is, therefore, the most highly priced of the many athletic trophies offered for cadet com-

This year the Army Athletic Association Saher was won by Cadet-now Second Legatement-John S. Roosma, of Passarc, New Jersey

To appreciate fully the magnitude of Roosna s achievement it is necessary to know a little about West Point, and the

rigorians lives that our feture Army offirera lead whole they are students at the

The Academy stands on a plateau overlooking the Hudson river at West Pointa group of grout and gray stone buildings that collectively give the impression of a feudal stronghold. Climb the steep road that leads from the railroad station to the post, and you will find yourself on the campus of a college vastly different from the easy-going college of civil life,

There are students, of course, but they are not like other college stades to. They do not smoke pipes or eighrettes, nor wear coonskin coats in winter, or plusfours and golf sweaters in the apring. These students are buttoned up tightly in close-fitting gray uniforms. They murch in squads, with their beads up and their shoulders back, and the air of men who have no time to waste. Nor have they,

NERY menute, almost, from the time E a bugle wakes them in the early morning until another bugle sends them to bed at night, is taken up by an entiless round of classes, drills, inspections and rigidly supervised attactics. Iron discipane has them in its grasp.

This all-embracing discipline is exerted into West Point a athletics. If you ake golf, you could probably imagine no bet ter way of spoiling your gazne than being ordered to fall in, in a specified formation, at 3.15 p.m. on a certain day, attired in a "white sport shirt, black tie, gray trousers, white rubber-soled shoes and uniform sweater." to be marched to the fourth tre of the West Point golf course for instruction in the ancient and emaperating game. But, under these circumstances, would you dare slice your drive or miss a two-foot putt? West Point discipline might even improve your golf!

Athletics are taught at the Academy for three reasons—first, because of their health-building value; second, because they provide the cadeta with healthful recreation and a change from classroom work and drill, and third, because modern conditions make it necessary for every Army officer to know sports so that he will be able to teach them. He may be unlered to not as athletic officer or team coach for a Regular Army unit, a Students' Officers Reserve Training Corps, or a Citizens' Military Training Comp.

THERE are spring and fall athletic terms. Daring the spring term, instruction is given in lacrosse, basefull, track, golf, tennes, football, fenerag and gymnastica, during the fall term in foot-hall, basketball, societ, track, tennis, goff, fenerig and polo. These athietic activities replace drills on alternate days,

Competition between company teams is keen, and many good performers are developed. Naturally, this makes it more difficult for any individual athlete to stand out from among his fellows-a e-reumstance that gives added glory to the winner of the Army Athletic Assoriation Saber

Which brings us back to Cadet-now Second Lieutenant—Johnny Rossau.

Roosna made a remarkable record in h # fight for the Army Athletic Association Suber. He played on the backethall team for five seasons, and was considered the most brilliant forward the Academy

has ever had. He was a warded the Army major sport "A" each vest, are but wir er was captain of the tenns. The placed on the assebult tenn for thre years, Birg. at various thats, the passions of first base they base, shortstag, center field, and pitcher. That gave him three more major sport letters.

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in trying to win the saber, but he overcame it by brilliant performances in other sports. He was a member of the varsity soccer learn last fall, and won a minor sport "A." He also was a member of intramural track and baseball teams, and won the grade of "sharpshooter" with both rifle and postol. Finding that he had a few moments a week to spare, he became a member of the Cadet Choir, and sang in it for three years.

He was appointed a cadet corporal in June, 1925, and cadet bentenant two

months later.

Interviewing Military Academy sport stars is a tough assignment. They hop from a military formation into a game, and from the shower baths to another formation, without a pause. But I managed to have a little chat with Rossma on the field just before a baseball game. He's a busky young man with broad shoulders, stands five feet eleven mehes in his baseball alsoes, weight about 180 pounds, of soldierly gait, but with a freekied face that breaks into a cheerful grin on slight provocation.

OH, I was just an ordinary sort of kid," he said in answer to my ques-"But I guess I was even craster tion. about athletics than most kels are. No. I. dwin't care so very much about studying. In fact, I once quit high school for six months, but I went back, and made it up by going through the four year course in three and a half years.

"What game do I like best? Well, I don't thrak I like any one game best. I like them all, in their account. But I was lucky in basketball. When I attended Passaic High School, Coach Ernest Blood was in charge there, and I think he is one of the best coaches in the country. Then here at the Point I've worked under Mr. Blood, and Mr. Fisher, another mighty fine cunch.

"Baseball's a great game, too. I'd. rather pitch than do anything else on the diamond."

I asked him how he found time for all has activities.

"TT'S the routine helps you out," he I replied. "When I first came here, it took me half an hour to fold my blankets the right way. Now I can foot them with my eyes closed, and fix my room for inspection in a few numbers. It's that way with everything you get used to damig things quick and right. Of course, we don't have as much time to practice sports. as they do at most colleges, and that makes it harder. Shooting goals in banketball, for example—that takes lots and lots of practice. Some men never get the knack, especially on long shots. Basebail and football require time to learn, toothere is a lot of made stuff that a fellow must learn.

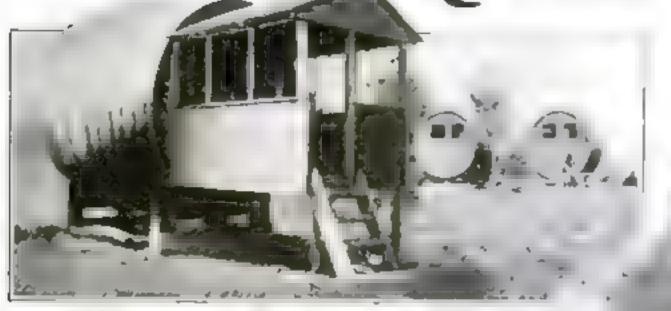
"Study? Well. I hadn't been here long before I learned that you had to keep up in your classes if you wanted to amount to anything in aports. It is talways easy to buckle down to books, but you've got to do it, and a fellow usually can do what

be's gut to do.

Whereupon Cadet Johnny Roosma departed to warm up for his afternoon's athletic endeavous.



Some People Build Queer Homes!

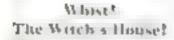


Iffe's a Song In a Wine Cask

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#### Almost a Sk) scraper

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#### California Gives Us This One

A mere alone of a house, thus, there's more than the fitting of a sonowich. But M and Mrs. Charles W Miller of Alemeda. Calif whose M ac it is, are quite content declaring a comme constructable has most apartments. At its writest point is just misses being ten feet across

#### A Poet in a Water Tower

I'm feet in he grotee its head in the raids in how M a At i' tolks Mawin Ringlish with or describes her things a summer home left. The bruse really mathematiques the village water tower around which it is built



Anybody can make a clock run but Que Fowles, English mageran, can make a clock. weighting a ton, van ash. Though of each proportions, this check is mid to keep perfect time

### One Cigar a Day Enough

Here's hope for the

mum who enjoys a long amokel The " maid neeger " above, the largest in the world in just what he has been looking for-Its little brother. held aloft by the young lady, bain t a look-in

#### A Cake That Took the Cake

The masterpiece of pastry above, baked in England, weighed exactly a tim. It was eaten at a banquet at one sitting to the tune of " Are we down-heartest? No!"

#### Tooting Her Way to Opera

The world's largest been horn (right) is here shown providing deep breathing energises for a budding New York operaninger, who needs all her breath to his a



Cocorn owns five sponge boats, and rarely dives houself. Now, however, he walked over to Anagnos and said

"Lemme have that soit"

It was sieal weather for a good hand. If the Captain, who as owner got one third of the profits, besides his share as a worker wanted to poke his legs in among those fish, it was, as more ways than one, his blasiness.

Nick peeled out of the heavy daying dress, and Cocorts shuffled into it. The four members of the crew were prompt to help him get into the air-tight, watertight ensings and the weighted shoes.

Aren t you running a big risk of getting an arm or leg mapped off?" I asked Cocors, as they fastened the metal breastplate about her aboudders.

Maybe he answered. "Maybe they get me going down, maybe not

LIE SMILED again, and fingered the knife which hung at his belt. It was a sturdy-looking weapon, but not much to trust one's life to, it seemed to me, against a man-eater. Those beasts were an large, as swift, and as deadly an submarine torpedoes.

How long are you going to stay

" Tut-t'ree hours."

He new my look of surprise. I wondered at his nerve in exposing himself so long to the danger of being ripped in two by the sawlike teeth of the sea monsters. He

FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

hastened to explain that there was remparatively little risk -that is, once he reached bottom

Slarks don't bother you much when you underneath. Sharks bue you maybe sometimes going down they got to be down, they fraid of you. You got this latinet on and you look ngly devo, like they do. If you see one coming you squeeze your hands between your kneed so, I ke this. You got your hunds out free and the fish know by the smell that you something to eat. But when you cover your hands up the fish don't know you. Then you knock your feet together like this way —see, they got ron in them, these slaces, and under the water it make log none, ware the sharks away, all of them

But divers do get eaten by sharks, or hase their arms or legs, don't they? I

He glanced quickly toward bis crew, and made his answer partly for their benefit.

TEVER been seem anybody bite by shark in this country. In Greece, may be sometanessome diver- sicu-diverwhat doesn't wear no aints like this get hand bite off. But not in those omitry

They fitted the Captain s belief to his breastplate, and for a little while he was eut off from conversation. His face could be seen, oddly distorted, through the three glass windows in the sides and front of the belieft. The great brass dome attached to the emilious balloonly, sapt, and the heavy clamping sloes, made him indeed look like some kind of devil. Only the exposed bands, sticking out through the tight rubber wristlets, disclosed to any currous shark that there was something insale airve

Some needed adjustment of the air bose made it necessary to take off the helmet again, and I took the opportunity to ask questions about what went on on the floor of the ocean, when a sponge fisher dives.

"Can you see anything when you get all the way down there, Captain?" I asked.

"You see a little green daylight up there sometimes you can see the boat,

CHARKS"

Young Nick Anagnes, dangling his lead-shod feet over the gunwale of the Cleanths, raised the danger cry just as two of his shipmates were about to place the big brans belinet on his head.

tures which would not most of us a lifet me are

everyday routing for them, Mr. Blockbridge

tells a story of a typical day on one of their bonts

A school of the sharks, thirty or forty of the big white man-enters that infest the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, had appeared auddenly from nowhere. Truangular back fins projected above the water like the sails of toy boats. Others darted about below, huge forms clearly outlined as swift black shadow-shapes in the translacent water-

It looked like a had day for gathering

sponges, after all.

Captain Cocoris watched the tigers of the sea for a few minutes, then turned and gramed a little bitterly at Nick Anagons. The young Greek had clambered back on to the deck and aquatted by the mast. He emphasized his refusal to take a chance with the sharks by asking for one of the tany cups of Turkish coffee which comprise the aponge diver a entire daily nourishment tastil dinner at night. A single shark or two nught be all in the day s work, but a school of them-well Nick was just going to wast a while, that was all. He sipped his coffee with a deliberatwo that left no doubt.

A good captain never drives his men into danger; he leads them. Captain Pretty dark sometimes. You got to have light here in your helmet." He pointed to the port in the top of the belmet through which a tiny electric storage light could be played.

" Are you able to hear anything?"

"You can hear the air pumping in the helmet. And you can hear the coral go 'crook! crook!' when the waves make it

rub together '

Among the equipment Captain Corons was taking below was a net for holding sponges and a three-pronged hook for clawing them off their moorings on the bottom.

Do you come back up as soon as you

get your set filled?"

'Naw; I got this tope, see, to make signs with. You goin' down empty. You fill the net with sponges, you make it, three Lines, signs with the rope, then they pull up full and send down empty

With a final glauce around for lurking sharks, the Captain melined his head to receive the belimet, which was fastened to the metal breastplate with acrews locking on one eighth of a turn. At the same time the little air pump was turned on and his diving dress began to swell out like a pillow.

Three lines of communication connected h m with the Cleanthi, the air hose a hawser with which to lower him to the bottom and haul hem up again, and another line to which his sponge net was attached, used also for the sample code of

aignals,

HE CLAMBERED laborately down the ladder awing overside. As his helmet disappeared below the surface, air hubbles told of his downward progress. The descent was slow, for the air pressure in the auft has to be increased in due preportion with every foot of descent. For every thirty-five feet of water, the air pressure increases fifteen pounds. The diver required time to accustom his internal bood pressure to the strain. The depth indicated on the air hose mereased steadily tharty forty lifty-sixtymuty-five-seventy feet; deeper already than be had expected, and so on to eighty. feet. It took ten minutes to let him go so far, anxious minutes, prolonging the thinger of attacks by sharks,

At last the hose stopped playing out, and a tug at the signal rope caused Nick Anagnos, who held one end of it, to call out, "Bottom!" with obvious rehef. The man who had taken his place was now

relatively safe.

Only relatively safe, for the life of a deep-sea diver is at all times hazardous.



Ready to Run the Gauntlet of Deadly Man-Enters

Sharks or no shorks. Captain Cocoris doesn't brileve in westing ideal weather for gathering spanges. The photograph shows him just before a dive. He counts on his proteque diving tops to core the shorks sway, and, in oner this fash, on the louis which always hangs at his but.

If the air pressure stackens or is allowed to escape altogether, through fadure of the pump to work or some other muchance, the weight of water may easily erush the life out of the imprisoned diver. If his not home is fouled so that fresh nor to cut off, or so that water can get into the belinet, the choice between suffication and drowning is very slight. And if his system as not strong enough to stand the air pressure, he may suffer heart fadure, or paralysis due to elogging air bubbles in the arteries, or a sudden attack of compressed air disease, "the bends," as the deep-sea divers call it. As he was now working in a pressure of about fifty pounds, sharks weren't the only danger.

HOW often do you have trouble with the air supply?" I asked the pump man, on whose fasthfulness Cocorns' life depended

Not very often, God forbid," he replied. "Once I was down there and the oar stopped coming.

"What happened?" "Pump jammed."

"No. I mean—happened to you?"

"I felt big bead-sing in the cars, lung hurt sharp. I pull on the rope-know

nothing any more till I was in hospital, My face it not black. Pretty near die. Can't dive any more long time,'

We watched with keen interest the indirections of the Captain's path along the floor of the sea. The triol was marked by little linked chains of hubbles, mang in time with his breatling, and as he walked along we kept the boat somewhere nearly over his head by following the bubbles.

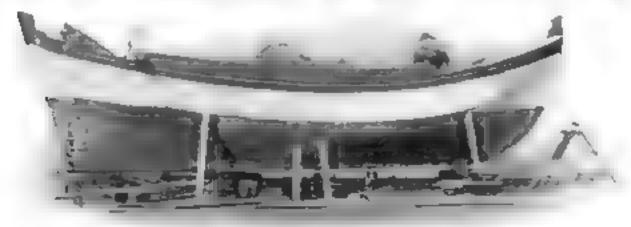
The first net of sponges was a bit slow coming up. Possibly they did not happen to grow very thickly there, or were concealed in masses of cural or seaweed. Again be might be making a selection as to one and quality. The law forbus the gathering of sponges under five melos a diameter, which works small hardstip on the sponge fishers, as a sponge but little over that mee is worth hardly a tenth of what it will bring after amother year's growth.

At last, however, Cocorn "made it, three times, signs on the rope," and they

drew up a net of sponges.

THEY were odd-looking things. The I familiar sponge of daily use is really only the skeleton of the living sponge. Those I now saw were brownish and mushroom shaped, covered with a skin, and filled with a gelatinous substance like a jellyfish. The familiar large holes proved to be openings to tubes linea with skin, while the smaller openings, or pores, were also skin lined.

Simple as the sponge appears to be, it is a rather complicated animal. Through the smaller openings, or pures, the sponge sucks in water bearing food particles ar doxygen. In a central digestive chamher the food particles are retained, and the rest of the water is then forced out again through the large openings. The current in and out is maintained by means of tiny fibers in the larger channels which move always back and forth, pushing the water out, and drawing (Continued on page 138)



The Sponge Divers Are Their Own Boat Builders

Became most of the Florida spongs fahermen are Greeks, even the "trebedire" (spange bunt) is modeled on the houts of the Aegaan Sea. These graceful ships make an emotic slight on our coast

### Are You a Quick Thinker?

### Try These New Brain Tests

They'll Tax Your Wits and Measure Your Mental Agility

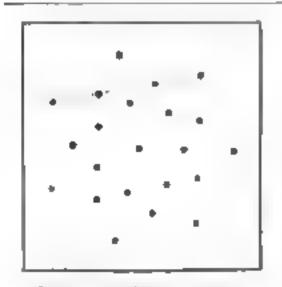
SAM LOYD, the world's greatest pussee expert, presents on this page aix unusual tests with which you may measure your powers,

In their mental tests, psychologuts often use blocks, triangles, numbers and squares which they ask you to juggle about. Now these, as every one knows, long have been the puzzler's tools. No doubt you have done puzzles and found that they oil your mental machinery



and keep it from sticking when needed most.

By selecting a certain type of puzzie and setting a time unit within which it is to be done, Sain Loyd gives puzzles new value and they become a test of your mental abilities. You will find the problems on this page more difficult than the conventional mental test. but also more challenging. The answers are given on page 189.



### Ilave You Sharp Eyes?

HAVE you an eye for form? Above la a group of dots with a straight line through four of them. How many similar rows of four dots can you find in the figure? In each case, the four dots must be in a straight line. Use a pencil if you wish and note how long it takes you to count all the rows. As a slight bint, your result should be a handsome geometrical design. For the answer, turn to page 139.

Are You Resourceful?

o men always find their inher-

ent inventiveness comes to the

with matches. Pick up three

matches and replace them so that

the new arrangement will present

four instead of five aquares, of the

name size. If you possess an inven-

tive best, you will see the solution

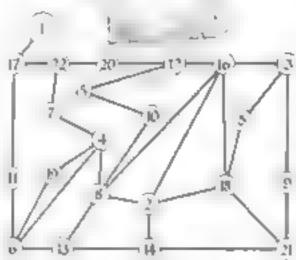
quickly. Time yourself, then turn to

page 139 for your rating

rescue. Do you possess this gift?

TUCK on a muddy road, some

Here you see five squares made



### Could You Map This Salesman's Route?

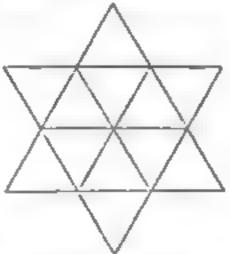
TRAVELING salemen above, for it confronts them often.

For the purpose of the test, imagine your self a salesman and that the diagram shows 23 towns you must make on a single trip Starting from lown number 1, you want to visit each of the towns, but without doubling on your trail, and ending at town 23. What would be your best route?

enizute study, you will prove that your powers of analysis and mental photography are well geared. Use a pencil if you want to. The solution appears on page 139.

### moust ohise on the problem Solving it saves them both time and money

### If you can vigualize this tour after a six-



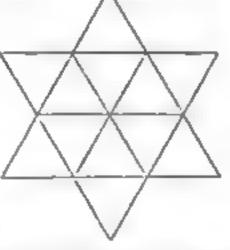
HOW many triangles do you actually see in the sax-pointed star pictured above? Of course there are twelve little ones, but there are others, too. See how many you can find within three minutes. See page 139.

### 6 16 10 11

### If Your Forte to Figures -

AT ADDING and subtracting you may be a white, and here to a chance to prove it. The test above shows matern squares containing the numbers from 1 to 16, and across It a light, straight line. You will notice that this line passes through seven of the squares, and adding up the numbers in those seven squares you will find that they total 69 Where would you place a straight struke across the diagram in order to score the highest possible total? See if you can obtain the correct answer (see page 139) within seven munutes.

### Some Look, But See Little



### Do You Shy at a Column of Digits?

HERE is another puzzle to show if you have a head for figures. A glance at the addition problem at the left tells that the answer is wrong. But 99 is supposed to be the correct answer, and your problem as to rearrange the digits so as to make it so. Study the nine digits and see how quickly you can make them total 99. A person of mathemetical talent should do this within five minutes. The answer is given on page 139.

# Ten Ways to Roof Your House

The Good and Bad Points in Various Coverings, from Il'ood to Copper—Estimating Costs

By JOHN R. McMAHON

YOU MEAN to say that house son't built ye? I demanded of the year groupe who had consided me quite a whole before on the desirable materials for a small home.

"I'll tell von what stopped us before we started, ' said Ellen. The mol "

"The roof?" I echoed.
"Yes," she went on. "I happened to come across this hac "A house amounts to a foundation and a coof? Those words post haunted me, and I told Itoh we ought to know more about the roof question before we have taken 1.2"

"That here that worries you is a nort of epigram," I remarked. "It wouldn't always apply—say in a dry chinate. But the roof is certainly important—perhaps even the chief problem in bone is a root tran—and it is a good thing to study it.

tran—and it is a good thing to study it.
"This time I'll take notes," an in cared.
Rob, producing pencil and pass."

"The first point to decide I told them, "is the slope or pitch of the roof A lot of people go wrong by having too low a slope, thorong to save material, do away with uncless attic space, make roof repair camer and so on. They forget the importance of a good watershed, whatever the type of covering. If the pitch is low it might as well be practically flat. Then you can put on a factory type of built up cooling,"

"What do you call a good slope?"
asked Rob.

"SIX inches to the foot is right for all kinds of shinglet, whether wood or other material. That means that for every foot run of the roof there is a sixtuch drop, or rise, as you please. It is otherwise called one-quarter pitch and the angle is twenty six degrees thirty four minutes. State and tile need more slope—about seven inches to the foot. On the other hand, ready roofings and soldered metal sheets, tin, copper, sinc or the like, do not need more than an inch or two of slope a foot."

"I don't see why a roof has to be steep for shingles," observed Ellen.

"The reason is that the wind sometimes blows rain water under them so that it reaches nail holes and goes through. This happens especially when wood slungles are old, warped or loose, but it could occur with a heard-new roof



A Roof of Concrete Tile

The lawer picture illustrates the approved method of laying concrete tile. Note the sheathing and special lath. Above, one of the many typical houses finished with this durable, best resistant and attractive making

of improper slope. Again, snow piled on a roof may date up water and back it under the shingles. Apart from leakage, see may form under the shingle edges and pry them loose. The wind even may lift shingles. But these things can't happen when the roof has a good slant."

"I understand that a roof has to be stronger for some materials," said Rob.

"Naturally. The or copper well weigh around a pound to the aquare foot white tile will weigh seven pounds or more. The ordinary roof will stand asphalt or wood shangles, the latter weighing around two and a half pounds to the foot. But when you have asbestos shangles at four pounds or slate at five pounds to the foot not to mention tile of hurst clay or of concrete, the roof should be designed to take care of the additional

fond. Incidentally, weight of sanior recent differs according to thekness and style of tallog. It out the exact weight of the stoff year term as if at the last moment you decide on a heavy covering and are in doubt as to roof a rought put some study inder the rolgs, much bridging between rafters, the opposite rafters together with cross boards,

also brace inflees down to ceiling beams."

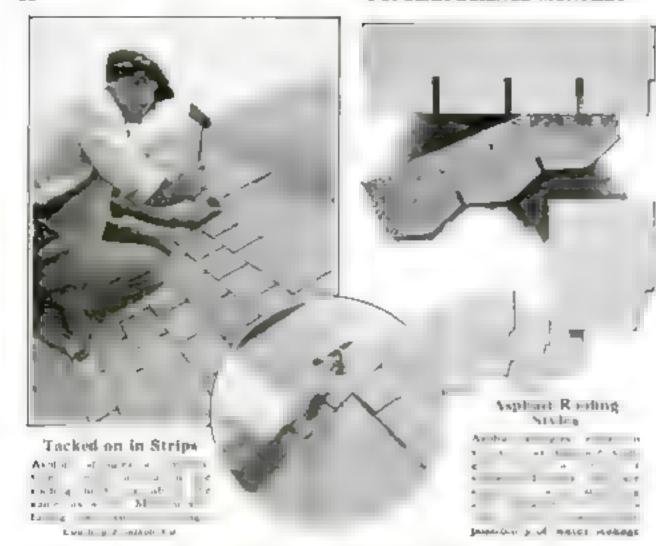
"What about wood shingles?" in-

quired Ellen

They are liked for looks and economy, They are banned by many cobes because of fire hazard especially because burning shingles fly around in a breeze and tend to spread conflagration. There is less fire danger with edge grain shingles that do not warp and rot like flat grain. Of course their upkeep is also less. Wood slong es sometimes are bent to form the integuing curves of the so-called thatched roof beautiful, but rather costly to produce. It a done by antable framing of the roof and by mang factory-bent shingles for the deeper curves. When color is added to the wavy hors of the thatched styre, you have a stunning combination. These slongles are treated with both color and creesate at the factory.

INE seen men dipping shingles in some kind of dope at the job," remarked Rob.

"Yes, often the exposed ends only,



which is not so good. Creosute preserves the shingles and should be applied to the roof every four or five years. I know a man who sprinkles a little lime on a word shingle roof. Says it keeps down muss and other fungus which may got the wood. He may be right. And this reminds me to warn against originally in shingling methods. Don't lev to improve on the old atyle by putting sheathing boards beneath. When shingles are rain-sonked they need ventilation below so as to dry out and not decay. That's why they are appaied merely on strips—called shargle which are mailed crosswine on the rafteet every four or five inches. It's the nanvoidable defect of a wood shingle roof to be more or less drafty and cold in winter, and to become rather hot in summer. You can't mudate it."

"NOW that we know the worst." smiled Ellen, "what are the best kinds of wood shingles?

"Cetar, express and redwood. Common sizes are sixteen and eighteen inches long, madom walths, also it quarter anch thickness at the britt and half as much at the slim end. Of course heavier grades are better and the laying should insure at least a triple lap, or three thicknesses of material, at every point. With insteensuch abrugles about four and one-half inches are usually exposed to the weather It's important that every shingle should be fastened by at least two nails, and these copper if you can get them. While you are investigating the various styles of wood covering, you might look into a novesty collect cedar the. It is an extra thick, long stronge with nide joints in ship-lap style and with shallow grooves on the top edges to carry off water, among other purposes. As with other sizuale rants, cedar tile afford the aght andshade that is pleasant to look at

"Are asphalt shingles any good?" asked the young husband.

"They're a useful product, too," I replied, "They are applied usually over

tight sheathing and can be insulated beneath with anything else you want to aid. The cost is about on a par with wood shingles, that is, four to eight cents a square foot for the material without cost of applying. Roof estimates, you may know, are always in units of 'squares,' each being one hundred square feet."

'Asphalt shingles are no more fireproof than wood, are they?" inquired Rob.

"Well, the tarry stuff that binds the layers of fiber together will certainly make a cheerful blaze. But if it is well surfaced with mineral that stands the weather, chimney sparks won't ignite the top. Again there are kinds in which the fiber lavers, instead of being inflainmable material, are sheets of ashestos, These will retard if not stop a fire breaking through from below. Try a blowtorch on a sample; the asphalt melts out but it is difficult to burn a hole through. You can get aspiralt shingles either in asparate units of assembled in strips that are more quickly put on. There are a number of colors between green, gray and red. It's all right to select a nice color, but I would be more interested in having a shingle of good quality and thickness, as rigid as possible, and with a mineral surfacing that promised not to wash off in the first few mans."

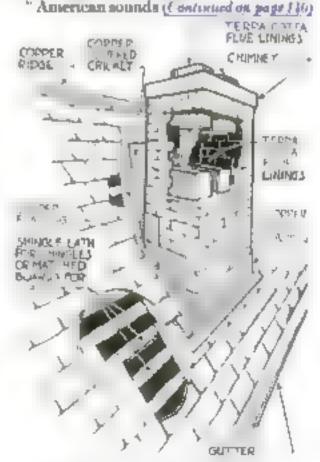
"JUST what are asbeston shingles?"

They are partly what their name mys and the rest is l'ortland cement, a moutepel matter of two natural stones that is compressed to form a new stone. They are absolutely fireproof, harden with age, do not warp, curl or decay. They cause no problem of chemical action as do some other roofings. Their medium weight does not call for extra strong framing beneath. You might compare them with state, which they resemble in natural make-up and otherwise. It is a complaint against inferior brands that they are too brittle, and some seem to be too light because of excess of asbeston or some

other reason. The better sort are made under heavy pressure and are properly cured, which is the main secret of every good cement product. Besides the smooth surfaced asbestos shingles, we now have rough or corrugated surfaces for the upper parts exposed to the weather. Of course this is a matter of looks which I would pass up in favor of the smooth face's better watershed.

"These shingles come in various colors; red, green, brown, mauve, gray and a few other colors between. You can have any one of these, or a combination in a formal pattern, or, best of all, a seemingly chance muxture of tones that give the effect of autumn leaves. Such a roof ought to harmonize with the walls of the bouse. For example, it would hardly do to have a gody top on a white colonial dwelling, while a bouse of brick or tinted stucco night be suitably aformed by a colorful covering. I would get an architect or artist to advise on the proper combination.

SBESTOS abingles are made and A laid in two principal styles, Amencan and hexagonal. American in rectangular like the common wood shing e, is lapped to make at least double thickness, and has two ready punched nail holes for fastening. The fire underwriters give a rating of Class A to these shingles in the American method while they only award B to the hexagonal style. They prefer the American for its double thick layer of material, which totals at least one quarter meh, and because of its staunch fastening. Hexagonal is mostly single thickness, being happed only on the edges. A square foot of American weight about five pounds compared with three pounds for hexagonal, which is just the difference between the quantity of material used, the thickness of individual shingles being the mine. To put it another way, with foot-square size in American it requires 240 shoughes to cover a square or one hundred square feet as against 100 shingles in hexagonal,"



Vital Points in Roof Building

If you want your house to be perfectly dry and safe from chimney fires, pay special attention to details shown in this drawing Inventors Whose Odd Devices You Never See

No Job, However Strange, Stumps Uncle Sam's Mechanics



light-one of many devices made yearly

O OTHER group of mechanies in the world probably an brought face to face with such a variety of perplexing tasks as the 199 men in the mechanical shops of the U.S. Department of Agriculture at Washington. Not only is a high quality of technical as II requited of these men, but each of them must be an inventor, for virtu-

ally every day will come a call for the shop to produce some mechanical appliance that never before has been made.

What the mechanical ahops actually inis supply the experimental equipment for more than 5,300 aments to who are constantly studying problems connected with the farming world. These problems cover the range of sods, livestock, crops, bacterm, fungi, darry products, road materials, seed, bird life, trees, insects, hides, wool, cutton, fruit, and vegetables.

This research has been worth nuclions to American agraphture. In some instances, the discoveries of the Government scientists have revolutionized forming practices throughout the world. And nt every case the backsmiths, muchinists, cabinetmakers, electricians, designem, draftsmen and pattern and mostel makers in the shops have played an important part.

One scientist may be working on a problem of soil fertilization. Though he knows the results he seeks, he does not know how to build testing devices. But he can pass his problem along to the mechanical shops in full confidence that it wall be solved.

Perhaps one day they must devise a contrivance to harvest a crop they have

never seen. A day later, they are requested to make a maclone for curing and grading curious seed from an African forage crop. The next assignment may be to perfect equipment for testing raw wool, or a device for measuring the acidity of mills.

Recently at the mechanical abops I saw a curious metal calunet so devised that the temperature and humidity within it. could be controlled by electrical heaters and refrigeration so that the effect of these factors on plant growth might be gturijec

Another metal tub was being fitted with electric immersion heaters and a water circulation system for the sterilization of diseased plant bulbs. The infested bulbs were to be placed in the sterilizer and subjected to a certain constant temperature long enough to kill all the pests.

THEN there was a large experimental A seed door made of sheet from heated to a temperature of 113 degrees under thermostatic control. An electric fan circulates the air in the dryer. There is a damp air outlet at the top and a dry air ortake at the base. The seed is placed in trays in the cabinet, and the moisture is quickly evaporated.

There's no selling what strange device die mechanness wasneds of the Department of Agricus ture may be called upon to invent. These devices form the bases of scientific experiments by which the Government saves us murang yearly. Above Making wooden parterns and models for Uncle Sans, master forcers

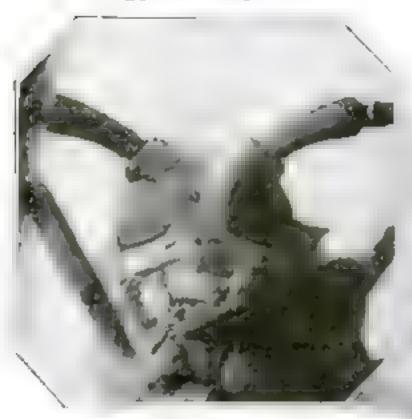
Left A storillantion cathori for freeing mported and domestic plant bulbs of disease, and a constant temper sture cobinet for study ing the effect of right on plant growth which were recently originated in the Government shops

A handy little device for measuring the annular range of tree growth was perfected to aid in the study of parasite ravages of trees. In studying the damage worked by the pests, it was necessary to take 800 or more measurements on trees which were aheart 100 years one. The small tree growth yardstick facilitated this jest

Another scientist was surveying the growth of destructive bacteria and fungiat varying temperatures. By the use of electrical heating conis and brine refrigerant for regulating the temperatures in eight different temperature compartments built by the shops, he was at le to ascertain the growth of the germ on ture at each temperature and at what point the doeses made its greatest develop-

UNCLE SAM is director of Certer Market, the largest market in Washington. Recently, the mechanical shops completed twenty-five meat display show cases for use in this market. These stands are guess enclosed and are equipped for sanitary refrigeration. Each display case. is supplied with refrigerated brine without the use of unsumtary paping directly in the compartment where the ment a exhibsted. The system (Continued on page 138)

# Insect Wives Don't Coddle Lazy Husbands—THEY KILL THEM



Amazing Tales about the World at Our Doors Where the Female Rules with Ruthless Efficiency

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It was summer. Throughout the long, but days there had been endless huntle and bustle in the hig house—rooms to clean, more rooms to build, many babies to noise, dimners to provide, and pantry shelves to be stocked. It had been an exceedingly busy summer—busy, that as, for the women of the house—they had done all the work. While they worked, the men folks had spent a lazy vacation, lolling in the sun, enting and drirking, carousing in the hallways, and making a passurer of themselves generally.

At last there came a day when the womenfolk rebelled. Their patience was exhausted. They served notice that all the good-for-nothing men must go.

TMIS was no mere rolling ten indig-L nation meeting. These femores meant business. Suddenly, as though at a given order, they set upon the lazy gluttons and mind red red them to the last man.

Now you may than that this tale of atrocomissing iter a only an insert lable, or at less on account of one unusual importing. Yet any inthority on entomology will tell you that it is not extraord part. Rather it is typical of countless atrocities committed every day in the busiest and most competitive world in all creation, a world where every creature must work or die

Life among the insects is more grucing than man over dreamed of. In all, there

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Photos by Paul D. Hristell

are some 200,000 different kinds of them. They are found everywhere—in the act, on the ground, beneath the earth, and in the sea. In the battle for their lives and for the lives of their young, they are relentless. Even the loveliest of them are vandals and robbers. Many of them are cannibals. Some, like the bees, are murderess.

And yet, with all their rathleamon, the insects are startlingly like human beings. They are and bear and smell. It is possible, even, that they talk in languages which we cannot bear. They woo and mate, build homes and cear families. The eleverest ones of all the ants, cultivate gardens, keep servants, entertain guests, and support standing armies.

IN ONE surprising respect the insects go us one better—if you look at it that way. That is the fact, strikingly illustrated in the story of the bees, that their world, as a rule, is a world where the women do the work and the men count for little. The females are not only the mothers, housekeepers and mirses, they are the masters. They are the artesias, emitsinen laborers, warmors and captains of industry. The chief destiny of the males, it seems, is to mate and die.

To this rule, however, there is at least

one notable exception—the dempy little scavenger beetle known as the sayphus. In this tribe the father and mother work side by side in the task of providing for their family

A NATI RALIST who watched closely one of these devoted couples at work tells how they prepare and transport food. First, with cleaverlike tools on their front legs, they cut away a neat chunk of refuse on which they feed. Then they put and knead it gently, forming it into a sphere of marvelous symmetry. This done, they roll the ball to give the crust. On one aide the mother, clutching the ball with her front legs, moves backward, hunting it toward her. On the other side the father, upade down, pushes with his bind legs.

There ensues a remarkable journey Charteng the course of the ball in a straight line. Mr and Mrs. Susyphus refuse to be swerved by any obstacle. Whenever they come to an obstruction, instead of going around they tug and push noted they get the ball over. Time and again the ball gets away from them, to moving them bend over beels. Always they accamble up again and keep on selling.

Finally when the ball has been rolled enough, the mother goes off in search of a

good spot to deposit it in the earth. The lather stands guard. He amuses howelf spinning deftly the sphere with his haid legs, like a professional juggler, with an air of satisfaction at the cieverness of his work.

Contrast the penceful existence of these creatures with the terrific marital upheavals in the life of the praying mantis, or devictionse, reas nof the grasshopper. The female mantis is worse than a tyrunt, she is a cannual and a female Bluebeard. When one tires of a hisband she devours him. Sinchas been known to dispose of seven mater in this manner, one after another

IN FACT, the mantis is the ficrce ogre of insections. You may find her by the readeds in tate August, lying in ambush. She dotes on raw ment, especially bees, wasps, and grasshoppers. In one morning a single female mantis has been seen to devour three grasshoppers and a grandaddy for greess, finasting off the meat with a fellow mantis.

The praying manter derives her name from the fact that, while lying in wait for her victims, her langed body, the fore part of which is like the neck of a graffe, has two long arms that are folded in an

attitude of prayer.

Actually these arms form a living trap from which no victim can escape. They are edged with needle-pointed saw teeth and each is tipped with a strong book fitted with a blade like a pruning kinfe. Let another insect come within striking distance and the arms shoot out, the kinfe points pierce and tear, and the victim is crushed between the saw blades.

The marist is gifted, too, with a strange sort of hypnotic power. A grasshopper approaches a little too close. At the sight of her prey, the mantis, with a startling convulsive movement, spreads her gauzy wings like a fan. Her body written with a swiding sound. Roung to full height, she rolls her head from side to side and stretches out her arms. In a moment she is transformed into a terrible specter. The grasshopper stands petrified, its legal too weak for a jump to safety. Slowly the mantis advances. The talons strike, and the career of the grasshopper is ended.

SUCH is the insect typess. Strangely enough, by destroying destructive peats, she is one of man's best friends. Such a friend, too, is the ferocious gardener beetle which runs wild in its greed for enterpillars.

Fabre, the great French naturalist, once determined to find out just how murderous these meat-eating miscets could be. He placed twenty-

five gardener beetles

a a small pen. In-

to the same pen be led a procession of 150. caterpillars. In a moment the place became a slaughterhouse. No sooner did the beetles spy the intruders than they pounced upon them variously, idashing and wounding them with their sharp jawa. Within fifteen minutes the massacre was complete. The entire army of caterpallars was exterminated six vetims for every beetle. Many insects have developed angulants. methods of attack and defense Sound them hold deadly traps. The tight beetle, for example, digs a write of marhole and uses its own flat had as a neceptive trapdoor. When an itself steps

on the door it instantly tips up, and the victim fails heading into the pit. The ant lon, too, designs an inclined chute in the ground. Whenever an ant slips down the clute, the lion stones it to death, harling the musikes with its neck as a catapult.

Others are armed with fearful weapons. Most of us can testify to the efficiences of the possoned darts with which members of the bee family attack creatures many times their size. The wasps, for instance, are the lightweight champion in battle.

ONE observer tells of witnessing a combat

between a lone digger wasp, on a hunting expedition, and a cicada, or seventeenyear locust, four times her size. Scenting her prey, the wasp awooped slown to the attack. As the two tumbted to the ground amid a buse of wings, the wasp stong the cicada in the back of the neck. The effect was paralyzing. The cicada fell hmp. To carry the catch home, the wasp first dragged the victim part way up a tree and from there volplaned with it for a short distance in the direction of her burnow. By repeating this process several times, the huntress finally reached her destination.

However, insects by no means spend all their time fighting and killing. Probably the most fascinating thing about them is their skill an architects, builders, engineers and manufacturers.

Examples of their genius are endless. The social wasps, the bornets and the yellow jackets, probably were the world's first paper makers. The pulp paper they manufacture is surprisingly

like that which we use for newspapers. They

This Beetle Is a Fast Walker-Once He Learns How

Another monster of the bertle tribe, photographed by Mr. Dyou on his South American trip. The horus, the long front legs and its unusual time make it a Joe to be treated with respect



A "Rhinoceros" Less than Three Inches Long

This is the chancecon of the beetle family. found by George M. Dyott on a Bouth American expedition. It measures two and one half inches, including the horns

tear off bits of wood fiber, chew it into a pulp, and use it for weatherproof nexts. The bees are expert mathematicians and architects. Any human engineer will concede that the design of the bee's delicate secunded honey cells, with walls of wax a hundredth of an inch thick, cannot be excelled for strength and economy of materials.

As A tunnet builder the stolid grub of the seventeen-year locast, or creads, might give lessons to human diggers. In charling to daylight after its long so-journ in darkness, this little grub exenvates a tunnel more than a foot long and nearly an inch across, without throwing out an ounce of dirt. What becomes of the rubbish? For a long time scientists were at a loss for an answer, until one of them put a grub in a glass tube and matched it dig its way upward.

He discovered that the meet converts the dug earth into cement to line the walls of the tunnel as it goes. It digs the dirt loose, mixes it with a liquid supplied by itself, and finally pounds the mixed cement into the tunnel wall

Even our familiar cricket is a master budder. In the art of constructing a home it is exceeded only by man. It digs in a grassy bank an abode that is a model of neatness. And throughout life it is constantly making additions and repairs. Every cricket home has a front porch in the form of a tuft of grass that shades the entrance, and a terraced front yard that is kept carefully raked and swept.

At the threshold, the cricket arts and plays its fiddle (Continued on page 142)

# Latest Marvels of Science



Sound Echoes Tell Navigators the Ocean's Depth

Ships crossing the sen now can literary sell their way since the invention of a new depth-measuring apparatus by P. T. Russell of the Washington Navy Yard. The apparatus sends put sounds from the bottern of the ship and the speed of the echo returned from the floor of the occun indicates the east-1 depth. Amplifiers transmit the woulds to the navigator. Above Mr. Russell with tieft to right, the sonic depth finder, sound transmitter and sound receiver

On these pages are presented each month beinf attention of scientific discovery and research haring practical bearing on our receviday problems.

#### Physicians Trace Rheumatic Ilis to One Small Bone

RHEUMATISM long has been rethough often painfus, affliction. Today however, need al men who have made a apecial study of the disease are consinced. that what a commonly classed as "only chemnatism " may actually be any one of a number of serious pervous disorders.

Some remarkable doscoveries recently were made by Dr. Henry P. De Forest of New York City and Dr. Horace G. Baldwin of Lannersy He N. Y., who have been er gaged in extensive researches at the Cornell University Medical Laboratories. They found that nervous prostration, neuritis, diabetes, semises, lumbago, peuto go and various forms of painful affections generally classed as "rheumatic." are due to mechanical nerve irritation and that the seat of this irritation upparently lies in a joint at the base of the back where the pelvic bones are joined.

They have demonstrated, apparently, that a slight dislocation of this bone exerts pressure on the nerves passing through the joint casesing pain a the foot for one man and perhaps beadache for another By setting this I tile bone in place, they rlains to have brought relief to sufferers.

#### He Colors Trees to Order

WILT color would you like your trees blue verlow purk or orange? Woodsmen in the variety of Machias, Me, have been astounded in recent months at the magical experiments of

Fritz von Behr German scientist, who has been coloring trees with indestite dives. By means of a secret process, be can transform an ordinary beech tree into "rusewood and bush into malogans which are said to defy detection by expert him becinen and farmiture manufacturers.

The coloring matter saturates filters fe at l. there are a r he ets of the begins Inthe are any age of al the type of the man, it is these see a traction of the con-I repetutes and alread his i and from the example of the

#### To Foretell Earthquakes?

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Juggar, Jr., government volcanologist, who declares that it will "some embre on to foretell the coming of serious earthquakes as accurately as the approach of typhoons has been made predictable in the Philippine Islands, where morlar instruments have predicted the coming of typhoons to the bour and migute.

The instrument is in two parts, one part being a simplified seismograph, to be located in the basement, and the other part an indicator, to be mounted in any convenient part of the bonning,

#### New Instrument Robs Higher Mathematics of Terrors

MORE and more we are making "mechanical brains" do the work of solving our mathematical problems. Adding macrones were the first of these.

The latest is an instrument known as the "plane troometer" which, it is predicted, will greatly simplify the work of engineers in making there calculations. and may even revolutionize the entire study of higher mathematics. It is the revention of Dr. Leeph E. Rowe, head of the mathematics department of William and Mary College, Wibiamsburg, Va.

Among the operations which the inventor claims his instrument will perform



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are the automatic solution of triangles in surveying, finding the area of such traangles; solution of all sextant problems, such as finding the height and distance of a visible object without computations; rapid solution of trigonometrical equations, and range findings on land or sea. It can be used also for multiplication, division, raising any mumber to any mtegral power, extracting square roots, and other peoblems.

#### It's Phosphorus Keeps Us Alive

WHEN you strike a sulphur match, oxygen is set to work on phosphor-

ur, producing heat.

Exactly the same thing happens in the human hody declares Dr. C. E. De M. Sajons, professor of endocrinology at the University of Pennsylvania. Phosphorus propresent in our cells, he has found and oxygen acting on the phosphorus releases the heat that my blams the temperature of the body in fact, after twenty-five years of research he asserts that this action is the very source of life

He explains fever by the same theory As the heat is produced, a boddy third known as enzyme a built up. The job of the ensyme is to raigned germs. When noeme attacks the body, the temperature is mereased to multiply the enzyme. This increased heat is known as fever. When the temperature reaches a certain height, however, the enaying becomes so active that it digests the himsen tosue as well, and death restalts.

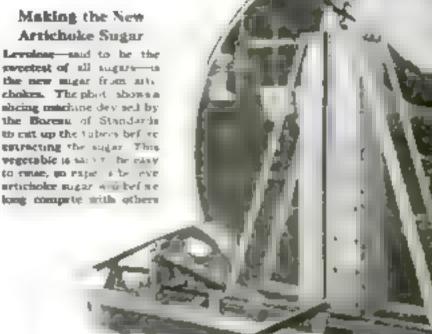
#### Blue and Orange Auto Lights May Dim Headlight Glare

THE dangers of glaring auto head-lights, which are only partially removed by dimment and special lenses, can be eliminated entirely by the simple use of orange and blue colored filters, according to Karl D. Chambers, of Asheville, N. C. He demonstrated his proposed color. system recently before the Society of Automotive Engineers.

According to bus ingenious plan, the filters would be adjustable so that on cars traveling in one direction on a highway. the head ights would give blue light and the drivers would look through blue

#### Making the New Artichoke Sugar

propertiest of all sugars-in the new sugar from arts chokes. The phot shows a sheing machine devised by the Borena of Standards to citt up the tables before couracting the augus. Thus vegetable is saint. he case to rune, un rape a be eve articholog sugar a ú bel ne long comprie with others



filters attached to the windshield. On cars going in the appointe direction, the colors of the headlights and filters would be orange.

Since a colored glass filter passes light of its own color, but stops that of a complementary color, and since blue and orange are complementary colors, the result would be. Chambers declares, that drivers going in either direction would have perfect visibility

#### Helium As a Cure for "Benda"

THE nonreflatamable gas belong L used for the inflation of airships, has been the means of safeguarding the lives of men in the air. Now it is being put to use to save the lives of men who work under the sea or beneath the surface of the earth.

When, a short time ago, our of the deep-sea divers working to mise the nunken submature Newl was stricken by the dread cassion disease, or "bends," tenexhaders of belong were rushed from the Naval Air Station at Lakehurst, N. J. The precious gas saved his life. Since then, the Navy Department and the U.S. Bureau of Mines have been experimenting to determine whether the administration of a mixture of helium and oxygen for breathing purposes may not courely prevent the disease which attacks men who work under high air pressure.

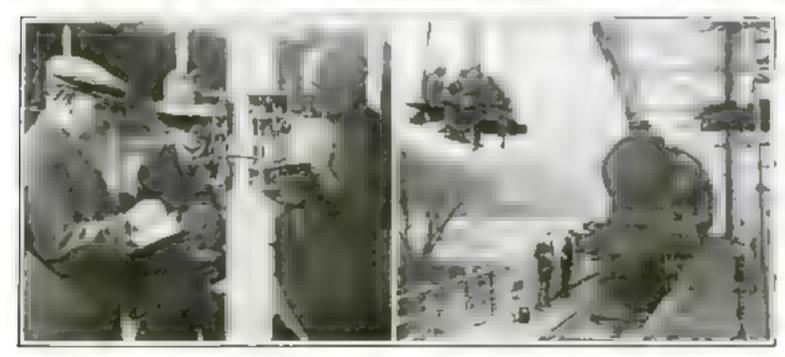
Cassant disease results from the fact that the human body is able to absorb only a limited amount of nitrogen in air under pressure. When, for example, a diver is brought to the suctors and the pressure is released, the unabsorbed nitrogen forms bubbles in the blood. These hubbles cause "the bends" and sometimes result in death

The advantage of a mixture of beloim and exygen in place of plant are is that herning goes as and out of solution in the blood much more rapelly than introgen. It is estimated that with the use of hel um. a diver can be mosed to the surface in about one third the time required when my only is used for breaking

#### Science Approves the Pie

NEXT time you want pie for lunch. you can order a piece without fear of mjuring your digestion. Food specialists of the American Medical Association tell us now that me is not nearly so indigestable as we think.

Cake, too, is approved as a real food The notion that cake is "too nich" is refuted, the experie my, by the fact that it has only twenty-five percent more calories than bread. A slice of bread and butter is almost twice as rich in fat as the same amount of chocolate case.



#### Guging the Stress on a Famous Bridge

When you walk across a rullway beidge while a train in flying past, you notice the tremendous vibration and wonder how the structure can stand. Sometimes bridge or weakened under constant strain have caused senous wrecks. To mensure the strom on bridges, delicate instruments have been devised. In the photographs, experts are tuking such measuretoents on a famous bridge crossing the river Type in England, perching on a teraporacy pintform around one of the steel bridge supports

# He Put Uncle Sam in the AIR



By George Lee Down, Ja

ONLY sixteen years ago, incredible though it seems, I note Sam's whole fighting force in the air consisted of just one patched-up flying machine—in which the chances of breaking your neck were about fifty-fifty—and a kine pilot who didn't know how to fly it

In that short span American armenhave proved themselves indispensable in war, and in peace have astonished the world with their feats. They have slown to the North Pole. They have circled the globe, crossed the continent without stop and the ocean without maskap, traveled at the amazing speed of three hundred miles an hour—in short, they have established the amplane permanently as a vital means of transport in peace as in war

The man who more than any other embodies is his own person these epochmaking achievements is the man I visited the other day at the Army flying ground at Mitchel Field, Long Island. He is the man who, back in 1910, was commissioned to fly the first Army airplane—who ridn't know how to fly it—but who flew it! He has been flying, and showing others how to fly, ever more.

He is Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin D Foulois, Commanding Officer of Mitchel Field and of the Ninth Observation group, and during the World War Chief of Air Service of the A E F

He is the real father of Army aviation—the first of all American air fighters. Time was when he alone, with a skittish plane that threw him to earth every few days, constituted all there was of the Air Service. And it was largely through his stringgles and adventures in an unexplored science that soldiers found their wings,

and that the art of serial combat was nursed from a one-man experiment to a powerful arm of defense.

I found Colonel Foulor a man in his forties with the vigorous carriage of a youth. He holds his wiry body as strught as a die. His tained, good-natured face, glowing with health, is undershot with a lighter's jaw. At his desk he works incremently. And when he is not at his deak he is flying. He is a man of few words.

The record of this reticent fighting man in a story of romance, adventure and achievement. Its beginning would take you back to 1910, to a barren field in San Antonio, Texas, where stood a lonely young lieutenant, pundering with some misgivings the curt instructions be had

"Here is your flying machine," the orders and in effect, "Now teach your-self to fly it."

HE SURVEYED a strange winged contraption of wooden sticks and cloth that rested on two sledl-ke runners. Here, in his possession, was the new wonder of the world—the flying machine built by Orville and Wilbur Wright and just purchased by the American Government for \$25,000. And here was he, set down with the mysterious contrivance and a crew of eight colisted men, and told to make the thing go in the air!

The accrete of surplane operation were known to only a handful of men at that time, and Lieutenant Foulous' actual flying experience had consisted of just ninety minutes in the air with Orville Wright at Fort Myer, Va., the previous year. Fortunately for the future of flying, how-

Litrat Col. Benjamin D. Foulnes, who, with one immuhacite plane round tuted our enturemer force in 1910. He weeked the plane in trying to dy it, but his unflenging enthueasur and vision insured the future of this important branch of our national defense

ever, he was a fighter of resourcefulness. Moreover, his imagination had been sturred by the study of aerodynamics and by man's attempts to master the air. He was familiar with the theories, if not the practice, of avoid on. Now, told to 'teach himself to fly," he recalled a parting word Orville Wright had given him. "Lay ande your books," the inventor

had said, and lay your hands on the

A Walked to the machine, grouped one of the slender wooden struta, and fest its strength. He climbed to the pilot's seat and moved the "joy stick" back and forth, observing how the wings and clevators worked in response. He started the motor and watched as it whirlid the two propellers benind the wings. Then he moistened one finger in his month and held it to the breeze. The wind was right.

"Let 'er go!" he shouled to the ground

Shot by a catapult, the plane skedded along an inclined monoral and climbed stowly into the air. Up a few hundred feet it turned in a wide circle, and soming down toward the starting point, dropped to earth gently and skidded to a stop. The pilot, tense with excitement, climbed down and shook himself.

"Well, I'm not dead yet," be thought.
"Fil tey it again."

Twice he repeated the experiment, with equal success. On a fourth attempt, just as he was coming to earth, a sudden gust of wind tripped the machine and turned it on end. It dropped like a shot. There was a crash of splintering wood.

"Looks as if there are a few things I've got to learn," remarked Foulous as he extremed himself, unburt, and inspected the wreckage of the landing gear. "Next

time I'll watch the word."

So, somewhat ingloriously, ended the first day's flights of America's first air soldier in the first Army flying machine.

Two years before, at the Army Signal School at Fort Leavenworth, Kapaas, Foulous had astomshed Army men by writing, as his graduating thems, the first military to a secondary of the secondary pame. The work was little more than a fantastic outboard of youthful imagination. It was a sort of Jules Verne vision of a wag of the future, in which the graduation of the future, in which the graduation the fire of artillery.

THERE were those who scuffed at it; others, with larger foresight, were impressed. At any rate, the interest was that Foulous was called to Washington and assigned by the War Department, with two others discress to pursue the study of aviation. And when the Government purchased its first dirigible balloon in 1908, Foulois was the man chosen to operate it.

Thus it came about that in 1909, when Orvide and Wilhur Wright

were demonstrating the flying machine they had built and endeavoring to persuade Uncle Bam to buy it, Foulous was nelected to observe the test flight which s h o u l d determine whether the United States was to have an air service or not.

The course he marked out for this historic cross-country flight was from Fort Myer to Alexandria, Va. The Wright machine was to make the round trip, ten miles each way, and the requirements set by the Government for the test flight called for an average speed of at least 40 miles an hour

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IN A previous test Orville had crashed. Notwithstanding this, Foulois, with characteristic thoroughness, conscientiously made the course as difficult as possible, over hilly country, thickly wooded. For a mactine that could fly at an altitude of only a few hundred feet at most, it was to be a real test. Wright himself was impressed by the hazards of the route, and remarked, "Of course you won't mind the danger, since you have yourself to thank for it!"

On the day of the flight, 15,000 people gathered on the field at Fort Myer. At intervals along the course, Foulois had

strung small captive balloons to serve as markers. Since the added weight of a compass aboard the plane was considered a handicap, he relied on the balloons as guides. Wilbur Wright was on the ground to aid in the take-off

The crowd cheered as the machine rose and sped toward the first obstacle, a wooded hillside. Approaching the tallest trees, Orvalie took no chances of soaring over them. He circled around them!

Nerves and muscles tense, the flores spoke not a word. Foulors, with gaze fixed a thousand feet ahead, spotted the



#### Two Epic Flights in the History of Aviation

The top photograph shows the Weight plane in its test flight at Fort Myer in 1909 or demonstration which broke several world records, though the plane circled around high frees instead of venturing over them? Below: Wilbur Weight before starting on the first flight ever made by a plane over water. It was made from Covernor's Island, the plane had a canor under it for nateguard in case of accident

landmarks of the course; and as he did so, he signaled to Orville whether to bear to the right or the left.

"I looked downward only once," Colonel Foulois recalled, relating to me his experiences on that historic flight, "and then it was to see a little white hazred old woman frantically waving a white table-cloth. I never will forget it."

At Alexandria the fliers doubled back, making the return trip with increased speed. As the machine settled down safely in right of the crowd at Fort Myer, the first to make toward them was Wilbur Wright. Studiously alent and undemonstrative, like his brother, he wasted no time in congratulations or handshakes,

His words of greeting were an animous

"What time did you make?"

Foulous had kept the record of speed and performance.

"Forty miles an hour out, and fortyfive miles back," he replied. "That makes an average of forty-two and one half miles an hour!"

They had triumphed. For the Wright brothers, silently jundant, it meant that their flying machine had surpassed the requirements of the test and would be purchased by the Government. For

Foulois it meant the first step toward the realization of his dream of an

Army air service,

MI shattered three world records for distance, for speed, and for altitude (they had reached the height of 600 feet!). Today, birdmen circle the globe, travel five miles a minute, and chinb to a "ceiling" of nearly with miles. Yet on that day at Fort Myer the records which seem richenders now were marvelons achievents to

Is the spectators closed in on the bare near, there occurred an incident, respective at in itself, which left an intellide impression on the mind of the young Army officer; for it revealed to him for the first time one obstacle that stood in the way of his freatmafor Army aviation. It showed him that to conquer the air was not

> enough, he must overcome also the deadly spathy of people. Colonet Foulois related the meident to me.

> "As we pushed through the crowds," he realied, "we came upon two straight-laced women in black bombasise dresses.

"Well! Is that all there is to it?" one of them shringged 'l'm not going to wait any longer. The other assented. "It dion't amount to much."

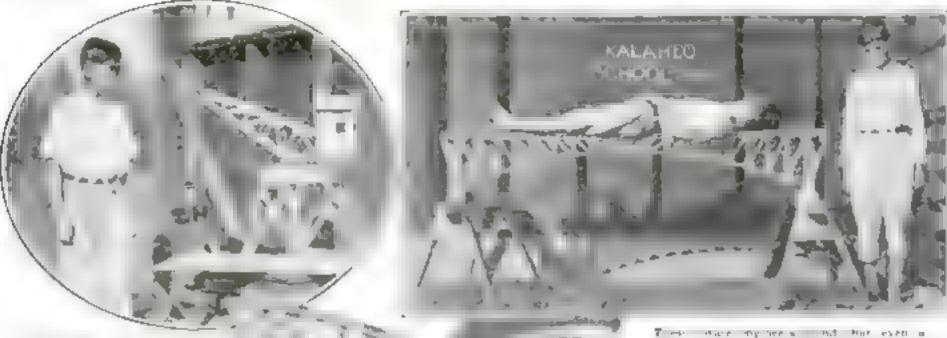
THIS same apathy, in official form, followed Foulois a few months later to San Antonio where, as a one-man Air Service, he struggled to fly the Wright machine. Having

hought and paid for the machine, the Government apparently thought it had done enough. It aliotted for the yearly upkeep of its first air venture the magnificent sum of \$1.501 Foulois dug \$500 out of his personal salary and spent it for repairs that first year

During that year the machine crashed with him something ake forty times. At the beginning his average of success was one crash to every four flights. Every time he crashed he would repair the broken parts himself. Then he would go at it again. With the result that toward the end of his self-instruction he some-

times flew daily for a whole week before he bit the dust! (Continued on page 242)

#### Boys Build Sturdy Models Out of Old Tin Cans



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Freight charges made hunter too exprusive to the for models, and near to was a principale enhacts where they could have for nothing ab the cause they wanted.

Out of these cans they have made integris prodess. Princes, commist, beams, gyder bridges, arch bridges (including one of the bridge crowing Hell Gate at New York), a working model of a guntry

erane, treaties and flumes, steel lauklings, windmills, steam shovely, and towers

To convert the cases into chapes which they can use, the boys first cut along the seams of a can with timers' maps and remove the bottom. The aide of the can is then flattened out with a wooden insilet and cut into stupe on an ordinary paper cutter. These are folded or bent to shape 1 / 12 1 1 so or the choice to on he on the

et title rooms freezald top separate a regardant for an in of again was a lastto the samp deaftamen see casto hold the parts together temperarny. The buses of the strips are made with a gorsoneck eyelet punch and finished with Linguist coppier esideta.

the sale ring de covar daved for a sun efacturers' extalogues, ruga-Zer v and name.

The foosaet structures are surprisingly strong, as can be seen from the photograph above of a boy lying upon a model of an arch bridge. Almost any type of structure can be duplicated in miniature muler this system. The eyelets give a nest finishing touch, being nearer to the sense of the rivets in large structures than ledts would be.

#### "An Abandoned Shack Gave Us the Home of Our Dreams"

EARLY one Fourth of July Mr and Mrs. Thomas J Lemen set off a huge fireemeker in a suburban yard near New York City Two years after to the day,

beaten wreck without any floors

in the same spot, they set off another to celebrate the completion of a homeomole house in that yard. Every but of earpentry, plastering, plumbing and painting

> had been done by their own I a say to sal a transfer AND DESCRIPTION OF THE the marell reaspass

they liked (thirty-eight altogether) fireplaces where they wanted them, doors the height that pleased them. A melt of an unfour-field house abandoned by a contractor. was the starting point. It consisted of a Contract to make

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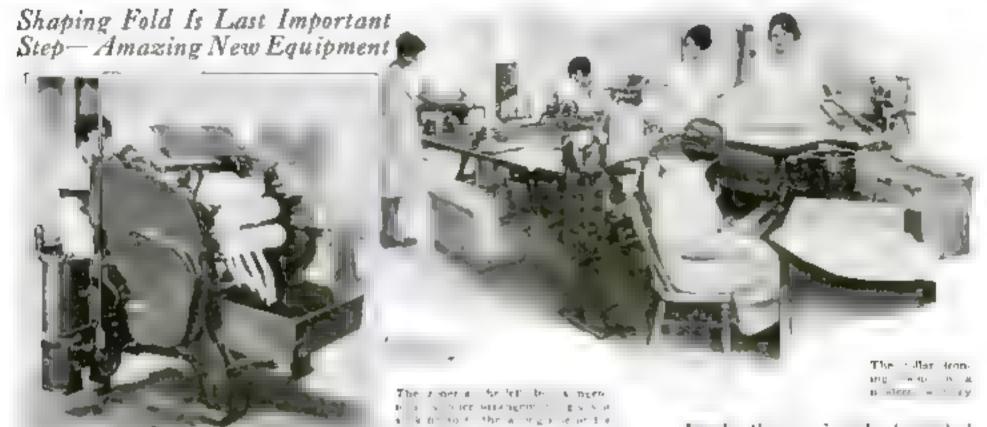
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outside of the bouse, in spare time.



Photo Western Situatio News.

#### Eleven Power Machines Launder Your Collar



NOUNTING one man to a family and all-wing lum a clean codar a day, 29.000 744 collars are laundered every day to the United States. It takes 7400 power handres aside from home washing to keep the American man a neck covering clean.

Responsibility for this unportant branch of law lersug is laid on Hannah Montague, who lived in Tray, New York, a century ago. Before 1827 collars always were attached to starts. Hamali hal ced that coslars on her husband's shirts got diety much quicker than the alters. If he could wear the shorts longer, ahe wouldn't have to do so much washing.

An afternoon's sewing solved her problem, she made two codars for the same shirt. Out of that act, not only the whole codar manufacturing industry, but the codar laundering industry, too, have developed,

distribute to the girls feet a w

In the well-compared modern handry, your collars are squrezed through sudfour times and runed five times. spunning basket while the collact nearly dev. after which a starch which puts starch into them from both sides. On a moving clothesline they are taken on a trip through a dry room. Then they are dampened on pozons rubber roth which are kept most, and left standing under pressure for half an hour for "mellowing,"

to all they are ironed A soral al metal cylinder from the wrong side of the collar, making it suck so that a tie will shp through easily. The right side is ground by cloth-covered roals to give a dull finish

And even then your collar or not ready for you. The next much ne mosters and polishes the tip edges so they will not wear out your shirt. Another rings a wet streak across the colar at the folds. The next one shapes and mans the top of the ford at the wet streak. A heated tube completes the drying as the rollars push into a hanket below,

Twenty-mae processes and eleven machures are thus used in the modern loundry to wash and iron your collar, and without damage, too.

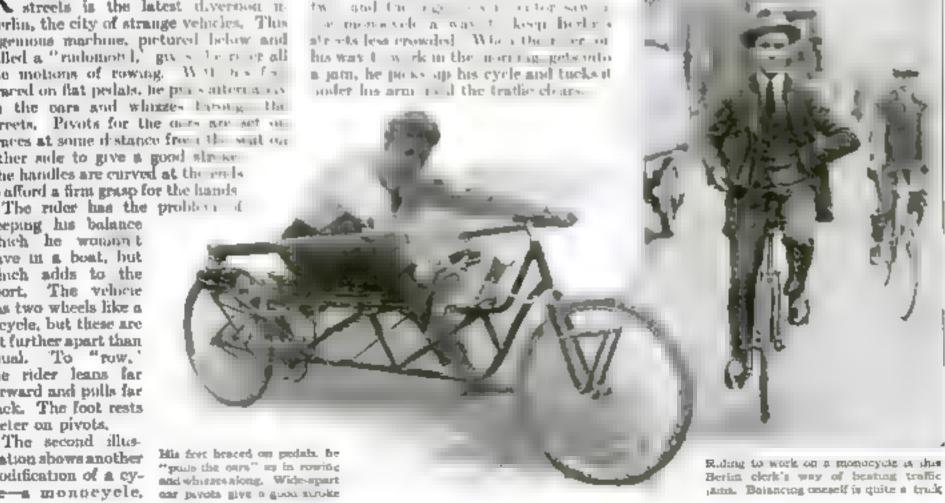
Strange New Vehicles Amaze Pedestrians in Berlin

One wheel take rup just half the room of

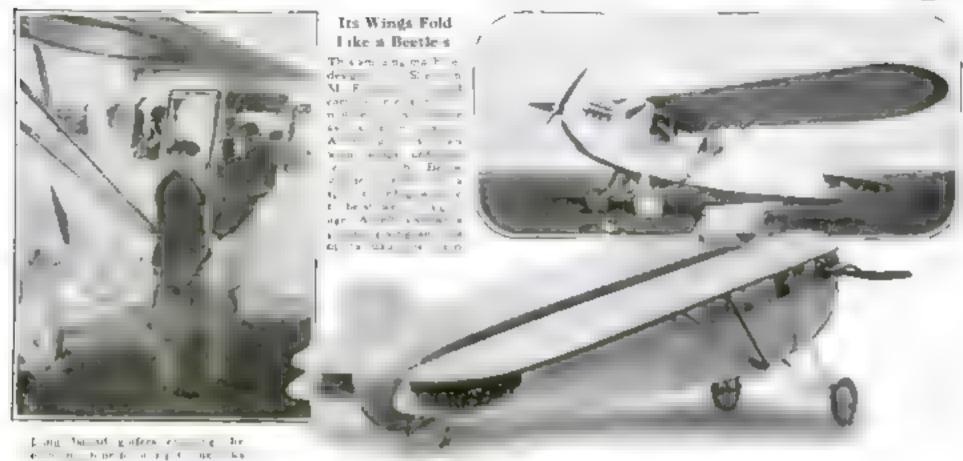
ROWING a "land sloff" on city streets is the latest diversion is Berlin, the city of strange vehicles. This ingenious machine, pictured below and called a "radomont," governmental the motions of rowing. Will has fall braced on flat pedals, he pro-scatterial eson the ours and whoses though the streets. Prvots for the ours are set on braces at some d'stance from the sent our either side to give a good slawe The handles are curved at the ends to afford a firm group for the hands

keeping his balance which he woman t have in a boat, but which adds to the sport. The velocie lina two wheels like a hicycle, but these are set further apart than usual. To "row. the rider leans far forward and polls far back. The foot rests teeter on pivots.

The second illustration shows another modification of a cycle-a monneyele.



### Airplane-Auto Folds Up to Fit in Garage



A SERIOI S competitor for space in the family garage has just been built at Farmingdale, N. Y. It is an airplane with wings that fold, enabling it to be deven along the highways like an automobile.

The machine of a cabon monoplane, designed by Sherman M. Fairchial, inventor of the aerial camera used by the Lin ted States Army and Navy and many foreign governments.

Golf enthusiasts on Long Island have already used thus machine for violing various clubs. Captain R. H. Depew, Jr., well-known awator, who conducted the preliminary tests on the plane, keeps it in his gatage, and on fine days drives it with its wings folded several miles to the aviation field. It requires only two minutes to unfold the wings, start the engine, and leave the ground. In the air, a speed of ninety-five index is quickly attained.

Another plane of the same type has been built for aerial photographic work. It has the first surplane dark room, so that pictures can be taken, plates developed and prints made while the ship is flying. The serial camera, fitted into the floor of the calin, has rubber around the edges to keep out the light. Auxiliary tanks in the wings hold the water for developing.

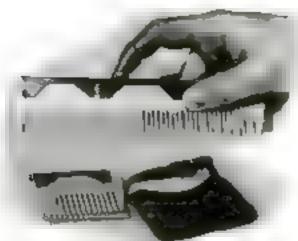
The passenger-carrying type accommodates two passengers and a pilot.

#### Tailless Air Flivver Feels Its Own Way

STRIKING annovations in design have been incorporated in a remarkable flavor surplane developed in England by Captain G. T. R. Hill, and tested recently. The most starting feature of the new plane is that it is tailless. Also, the wings, occurringly straight, sweep back on each side of its abbreviated body in a 4-shape. They latter feature, coupled with con-

teol surfaces at the wing tips, which can be moved up or down like a finger make the plane, according to its inventor, vartually foolproof. It will stabilize itself, it is said, even when the engine is stalled under every conceivable condition of flying. In its tests the plane made seventy-five soles an hour.





#### Full Size Comb That Folds Up

THOUGH it will fold into a small carrying case, the comb above has the advantage of being full sized. It is brigged in three sections, and when unfoided is held out straight for combing by shipping a pin to one side. This pushes a small rod across the hinged parts, preventing them from folding back.

#### Concrete Today Is Strongest

BUILDINGS these days are just as darable as those of ancient times, if not more so, declares Wilsom M. Kinney of Chicago, general manager of the Portland Cement Association. He cites the results of recent compactive tests in the structural materials research laboratory of the Lewis Institute, Chicago, which showed that modern concrete is three times as strong as that laid by the Romans 1800 years ago.

Cubes of concrete in perfect preservation, taken from the foundations of the Forum in Rome, showed a compression strength of about 900 pounds to the square meh. Similar cubes from the foundations of a Chicago municipal improvement, although only twenty-eight days old, showed a strength of 2000 pounds.

#### Chemist Invents Machine for Cheaper Ozone

OZONE, a powerful undizing agent valuable in industry, produced in quantities and at low cost is a recent achievement of Michael DeKeyser, a chemist of Portland, Oregon. He has invented a machine that makes orone by passing dry, clean, cold air between diciectnes and electrodes.

High tension alternating current establishes a brush discharge through the discharge through the discharge, and this acts upon the oxygen contained in the atmosphere surrounding the field of discharge. The dielectrics are made of special glass, mica or bakelite, while the electricles are of aluminum, which ozone does not oxidize. The glass dielectric used in the Deliceser machine is able to resist 20,000 volts.

#### Taking a Light from the "Cabby"



Pt NCH the jolly English calshy above in the nose, and his top hat will get red hot so that you may light your regarette. Thus novel amaking accessory, which is of iron, may be attached to any electric light nocket. The electric connection is made when the nose is pushed in, the heating element in the hat getting hot.

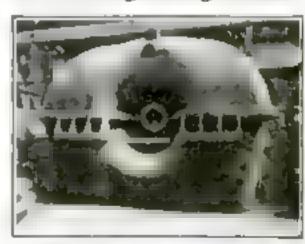
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#### Skyscrapers Defy 88-Mile Gale

Skyscr tpers are built to away in the wind, and most of them are planned to withstand a pressure of a wind blowing with a velocity of 88 0 miles or an indicated speed of 118 index au bour. This means that they have been built even more substantially than was necessary, according to recent tests of the U.S. Hureau of Standards, for an most crises the wind rarely rises above 76 miles velocity or the equivalent of 190 miles velocity or the equivalent of 190 miles an hour indicated speed. In New York Chicago and St. Paul the wind sometimes reaches the ligher figure.

The vibration in high buildings is poinduction of weakness, but is the way the building adjusts steelf to conditions.

#### Iron Casting for Huge Turbine



THIS huge mass of iron, weighing more than fifty seven tons, was cast to encase part of a 50,000-kilowatt steam turbane being built in the Schenecindy, N. Y. plant of the General Electric Company. It is the exhaust end, and measures about twenty-five feet wide, and moreteen feet high. The small ring in the top of the casting is there so that the huge mass can be lifted by a crane.

#### Jazz Gets a Timekeeper

IN A Paris dance hall where a new thechanical timekeeper has been introduced the musicians must keep their eyes on a big that, like a clock face, which beats the time and indicates how many beats are allowed in a number Its speed is controlled by the orchestra leader

#### Ten-Year Clock Runs on Own Electric Energy

A CLOCK that runs without winding for ten years! That is the kind of a mepiece most of as would like to own. Marcel Moulin, a French physicist, and Manrice Favre-Bulle, a well-known clock-tanker, are the joint inventors of the clock for which this claim is made.

It is run by a special electric battery

concealed in a tube at the back of the clock. The pendulum not only regulates the movement but is also gented to turn the clock hands. Electric current from the battery produces a driving force that exactly compensates the retarding forces acting on the pendulum, so that the pendulum, it is mid, acts just as if it were free.

At the end of the steel pendulum is fastened an armature with a magnet. The output of this electromagnetic motor is so great that only a normic quantity of energy is required from the battery. This makes it possible for the buttery to last so long.

A screw at the hottorn of the pendulum can be used to regulate the clock.



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A special electric battery controlled in a tube at the back of the electroms it, and an ingenious pendulum electromagnetic arrangement creates itsown electrocenergy

#### Household Water Softener Runs Itself

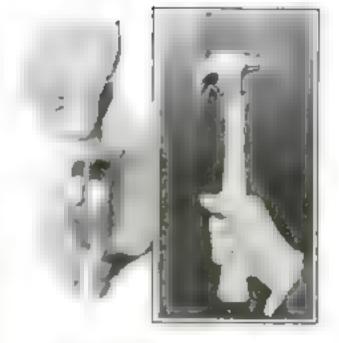


An earth interure in one of the tenks changes hard water to soft

T'90 SOFTEN water right in the home, in cities having a hard water supply, an automatic wa er softener embodying several

new features has been developed. It is installed in the basement. and connects with the city water pipes.

One tank contains an earth known as natural greensund zenlite. which softens the water as it flows through. A second tank contains a brane actution which in forced through the first tank, when necessary, to restore the softening properties of the curth. No attention is required, says the maker, except to keep the bruse tank full of salt.



#### Drives Nails in Bad Places

IFYOU are the hassiveness of the unity, you discreme the nar holding hammer above. It is especially needings for driving usels into awkward places. The nad is dipped in a groove in the top of the haramer and held tight in place by two projections operated by springs. One blow of the hammer starts the post, after which the hazimer can be pulled away.

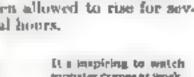
#### Fresh Bread in Two Hours

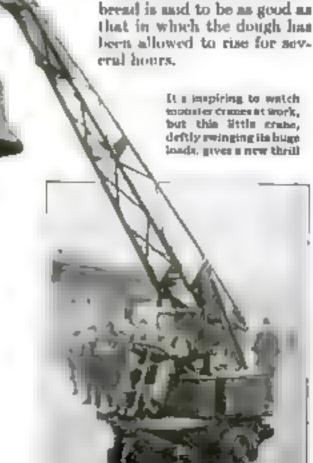
IR grandmothers used to let their bread rise overnight. Modern bakerror, however, have speeded up the peopess, and now the invention of a new mixing machine makes it possible to links bread forty minutes after mixing the flour with water.

The department of milling industry of the Kansas State Agricultural College invented the machine. It is said to break down the gluten in the daugh, in fact to do the same thing ordinarily done by fer-

> only seven minutes, so, counttog the time for baking, it may now be possible to make bread in less than two hours. The texture of the finished bread is used to be as good as

> mentation. The mixing takes





#### Seesawing Alone Is Fun, Too!

TO PLAYMATE is peeded at the other end of the teeter-board illustrated at the right. This new toy is a boon for the child who must play about. A strong spring pulls him up and his own weight makes him go down. All he does is hang on to the rabbit's cars—but his leg and arm muscles get good exercise. The toy is made for children up to eight years.

#### How Much Do YOU Know About Science?

If YOU have a small son whose goestions about this mysterious world seem endless, dan't squeich him. That inquartiveness will be one of his greatest assets later on You might in fact profit by following his example yourself. How many of the questions below, for example, can you answer? 3 on should, if you've always had a bealthy curiouty, answer nearly all of them. Correct replies are on page 141.

- 1. Why is the sky often red at
- 2. Can there be a mirage on a city street?
- 3. What animal lays eggs as birds do?
- 4. How are the tides predicted? 5. Why can you swim easier in salt water than in fresh
- water? Are there sounds we are not able to hear?
- How does a dynamo produce electricity?
- 8. What are the oldest known works of art?
- 9. Why is indine an importent element of food?
- 10. How does a prospector know where to look for gold?
- 11. Why will a diamond cut
- glass? Would it be possible to store 13 up sonlight during the daytime and use it at night for illumination?



All the thrills of the big boys' seesew--and he can do it indoors, thering had weather, too

#### Motor Crane Built for Small Jobs

DUILT along the lines of a D giraffe but with the power of a young elephant, the small motor-driven crane at the right was a center of interest at a fair at Leipzig, Gremany,

Electric motors operated by slorage batteries supply all the driving power to move the crane about and to lift all weights. The chassis of the truck is exceptionally heavy, and this weight plus the heavy

storage batterses slowed far aft on the platform enables the crane arm to swing into the air with huge loads and still remain on all four wheels.

Foot pedals and hand levers are used to control the movements of the truck on the ground and to swing and lift the crane.

In many industrial plants where beavy objects must be moved about frequently, a motor crane of this type is said to be extremely useful, as one man with the motor crane should be able to accomplish more work than an ordinary type of yard truck in charge of a driver and two helpers.

THE HUGE pay rolls for employees in some Mexican oil fields are now being carried by airplane, owing to the many holdups of automobile carriers.

#### Novel Automobile Body Folds Up



#### Metal Tennis Racket Press Cannot Warp

ADE entirely of metal, this new M press for tennis rackets can be ad justed to any thickness of frame, and is tightened from the center. The meket, while in the press may be slipped in any ordinary racket cover, the norker says,

#### Why You Need So Much Gas

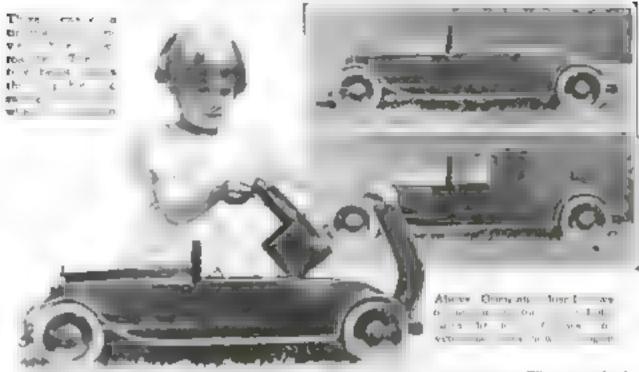
TF AITOMOBILES could use the full I energy capacity of gasoli; e, a small car could go 450 miles on a galon says Charles I Kettering pres fent of the General Motors Research Corporation. As it is, the engine wastes misely-seven percent of this previous marriegy

Mr. Kettering thinks bank searring by to use more of the energy shores in gasold electhe greatest product but en automobile minufacturers today. Wetler six years, he presents, the efficiency of the automobite inclor will be doubled, with a view to sessening gasoline waste.

#### Now-Penny-in-the-Slot Milk

T EIGHT in the evening the law forces most shops in Figland to close. There is no ordinance for the engthe mile of milk after that I me however, so several shopkrepers recently put palk vending mad race, as shown at the right, in the fronts of their stores

A penny in the set theo American eents) releases had a rout of an k. Dealers find that this new marbine enables them to get rid of their atocks every day while the howekeeper who rong out of neck after closing lane is equally apprecialise.



MOSED or open which shall the new a car be? For most of us with one-car mecanes, it was vexising question. But now John K. Mierr of Bay City, Mich. June designed a cur which should satisfy both sales from a corme with regid top it can be converted rate an open roadster in two

natories. The top fords back into the rear ena of the body, where it is covered with a body

plate, and one person can swing it back into pos trop. A te is omig device helpi to m stag or lowering it

Closed or open, the car is strictly rouventional in design, nothing strikingly suggesting its convertibility



A coin in the slot and a turn of the faucet release the most quantity of bulk desired

#### Young Aviators, Attention!

ONE the asked dollars for the first box or girl moder engliseen years who pulots a plane from San Francisco to Boston is offered by the Ariement box ety for the Promotion of Avintson, New York City Participal to tailst have beenses,

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Know Your Car

YOUR car is unnot min efficiently without good gus for Au riccertam spark means weak explossons, loss of power, gird wasted gasobne, an well an jerking and bucking at slow speeds. Excessive strain and wear is imposed on altthe moving parts when the motor skips and runs unevenly

Assuming that the wiring is not defective your ignition from lex can always be traced to burned or pitted breaker contacts. a defective spark pang or a rensdown storage battery. The latter trouble is t sually coupled with generator trouble, as a battery in poor combinon will give enough current for the ignition nationg as the generator is maintainmg its output

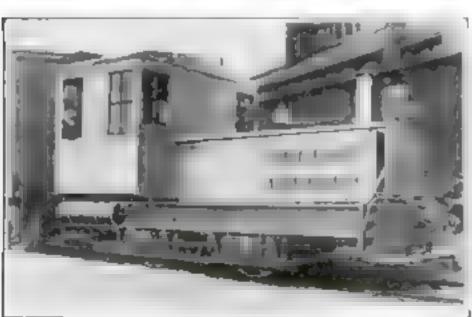
Defective wring may consist of a poor connection that imposes the flow of the current, a partial slogt circuit that ea uses an intermitteet. mass, or a broken were that causes about the same result. To keep your ignition system up to full efficiency, watch the following points

- 1. Make sure the breaker contacts are clean and properly spaced
- 2. Inspect the wiring frequently for loose connections or breaks.
- 3. Clean spark plugs occusionally.

#### Gasoline Giant Pulls 1,770,000 Pounds

DESIGNED for switching railroad cars and handling heavy industrial and construction cars, the eighteen-ton gas-

oline locumotive below on a level teack has the tremendous pulling capacity of 1 770,000 pounds. All four wheels are



This powerful guadine location to designed to replace steam engines for switching and yard work is no harder to drive than your own motor car

dravers. The locomotive has four species forward and reverse, giving a range of from two and two thirds miles to twenty. four miles an hour It is driven by a 107-horsenower engine, and is operated nruch like att automobile

Sanal 15 cuttied to the tracks for the wheels as in the standard railway ocomotive. It carnea fifty gallons of fuel, fed to the engine by gravity.

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# Oddities Caught



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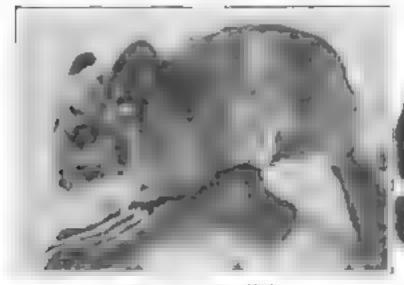


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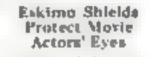
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# by the Camera



An Expensive Handful

It looks like a queer rabbit or an overgrown motion. As a matter of fact the scared mice above is an aristocrat among animals, afull grown main chinchella. The fine gray fur is an inch and a half thick and if appead flat on a board would move a fifteen such square



Making movies to Alaska gave Hollywood stars a new idea to protect their eyes from the blinding King lights of the studios. They're now wearing the slitted shields shown above, which Eskimore were for protection from the glaring mov-

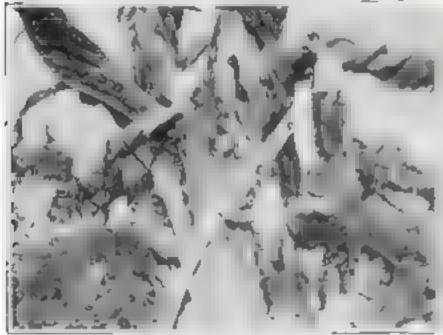
#### Airplane Flights in a Cabinet

A trip in an airplane to a height of 12,000 feet with a rapid descent on a affected the entirement of Ju, on Petersen of San Francisco, so the his poor hearing seemed emporarily restored. To get the same treatment whout he rapeaus of buying on surplicite he has built the sagetions are presented cabinet above. Now samply by presents a button he ascends to high abstitute and awaope again to heavy pressure atmosphere



#### Pootball Team Wrestles with Elophants

Forthell players who could back this line of elephents would sweep ever any gridfron in the country, so probably, einer we didn't hear to the contrary, the outcome of the bout was a victory for the pachyderms. However the elephants gave this Drake University team good practice



A Juniper Tree 6,000 Years Old

Near Logen. Utah students of the Utah Agricultural College discovered the goaried jumper tree above twenty eight feet in circumference. Investigations by Dr. Henry C. Cowles industre that the tree is nearly 6,000 years old, ranking it with the California codwoods among the world's oldest kiving things.



#### Roll Vourself Thin!

If rubbing off fat can do it, the new exercising machine above about make anyone sylphilite. A slowly revolving cylinder covered with closely spaced rollers, tregular in shape, kneads and manages the body as you press against it. It is motor-driven

#### Beach Strep Summons Life Guard

Operated like a fire alarm, a siren recently installed at Santa Montes Beach, Calif., (left) sends forth a preving was to call life grands to the rescue of bathers so distrain



ST as the handsaw and other shop hook have been adapted for motor - ration so now inventive genius has

> electrified the wood mane too. England has just introduced such a motor striven band plane, in which the ordinary fixed steel plane is replaced by a rotary steel This cutter is driven. eulter. through the medium of suitable pinions, by a motor host to operate on either direct or alter-

The cutter, nearly five mehes wide, is designed to rough plane even the handest woods. On beeck or oak, it easily produces a cut one eighth inch deep with a rapid forward movement. To ensuce straight guidance, the rear part of

the maclane, which rests on the already med wood, is kept always on an exact level with the rotary cutter, while the elevation of the forward part can be adjusted to fimit the depth of cut-

nating current.

produce perfect regularity and accuracy Make Your Own Coil Springs Established a new record, a mutorless WORKING in the oil fields of north glater, prioted by Ferdinand Schulz, of fortunny, and carrying a passenger, reern O i o. a meel ame was coultricently stayed up 9 hours 21 minutes.



Motor delven, this plane is said to

worked out a machine that would make both compression and expansion types of springs, any size, any length and this ranching, shown above is now being sold

The aize of the spring is determinated by the age of man free used while its pitch is determined by the position of the caus-The spring a made by turning the crank-

#### A Sight-Seeing Bus with End Seats for All

Even a boy can turn

out fine springs with

this repidepring which

er, says the maker

SIGHT-SEEING bussen where everyone has the coveted "end seat" and can survey at least half of what's to be seen to his heart's ontent, are now with us. They were introduced at (i) Pedadelphia Sesignicepter val to s summer

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#### Lift-Out Gas Burner Stops Clogging of Heaters

TPO KEEP the gas burner in your lank A water mester in good working order, it must be cleaned frequently. Ordinardy, Does hard to do. A new gas heater however has been designed in which buth the borner and mover may be removed upstant's for cleaning without the use of a where hor breaking the gas connection.

Veshow is in the illustration, moreover a deflecting cone band into the negter exteles particles of sout and sense that block up. the burner, and an preventa them from follog onto the burner parts. The flame, tho, is prevented from fourlong the bottom eads where it might deposit curbon.

#### A City Covered with Steel

SPARKS from chunneys in New Braun-fels. Texas, have little chance of doing burm, for it is a city covered with metal. Ninely five percent of its roofs are of sheet steel. Thirty years ago a fire chief began ontlawing wood mots within a small zone. Gradianly the whole city was meluded.



#### A Toothbrush without Bristies

▼/OU can be more of a sterile tooth-Y brush every time you brush your teeth, with the unique brush il catrated above. It is really not a bresh, but a lundle with a narrow groove in which pads of absorbent cutton fit. Toolh powder or pante is used on the pad just as on a brush. The pad is destroyed after use, and new ones are slipped in place easily,

At one end of the handle as a small properformalisped so as to clean between the



Besides establing soot, the cone de-Sects and exocentrates heat on the onli

#### Storage Battery Runs Crane

JSING storage battery locomotives to operate crane housts was a recent successful experiment to the Kearny, N. I plant of the Western Electric Commany The crane moves cable reels in the yards and draws ash cars back and forth It werels 105 Jone, which squite a load for a storage battery to move



Sight wers whose whole trip is runted unless they surceed in rapturing the end setts will welcome this new bus, introduced in Physidelphia. Two long roots of sents placed back to back solve the problem



#### Movies in a Phonograph Cabinet

ALL you need for the home movie show as contained in the cabinet above, according to its inventor. Arthur G. Merriman, of Memplus, Tennessee. No darkening of the room is necessary. The picture is projected from within the cabinet on a purel of ground glass.

Back of the malamp bease in which a beam of light falls on a slot over which film passes when a crank is turned. A mirror arrangement reflects the pictures so that they fall colorged on the screen. The device user star med movie rects.

#### Saving the Camp Fire Cook's Hands

IN PLACE of a pointed stack cut from a pearity tree—the usual makeshift for broibing steak on a camping trip—an inventor offers a broiler especially designed for camp fire cooking. Its long handle, measuring twenty four inches, keeps the cook a bands a safe distance from the cook, at shown.

The mesh, ten inches square, is fine enough so that sausage may be cooked without falling through.



Bruiling steals with the new camp for broiler. Its two-foot handle keeps the hands for from the hot coals

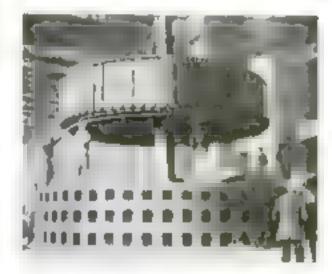
#### Our Fuel Wealth in Lignite

NORTH DAKOTA farmers who have been digging their winter samply of coal from balances where veins of it attack through, are awakening to the fact that the coal lying under their state amounts to one thord of the total coal deposit in the linited States. The great veins have been little exploited because the coal is lightly a quality of coal between peat and between peat and between new beginning it have now been found. It can now be polyerized and made into briquettes; it contains large quantities of petroleum oils; and it has valuable by-products of my monta and tar. There are 10,000 cubic feet of heating gas to every ton of the fact.

THE FIRST completely electrofied open pit mane in the United States is at Colstin, mean Foresth, Mont. The equipment includes electric shovels and two 60-ton electric storage battery locomotives.

#### A Rotor for Muscle Shoals

SOME idea of the tremeislom are of the mighty generators at Wilson Dam, Muscle Shoaks, is given in the photograph below, which shows one being



of the men has placed his hand weight of the men has placed his hand weight \$53,000 pounds. It goes made the creature stator upon which the men are standing, and is made to turn. When the relog is properly "excelled" with direct increase, that rotation generates electricity in the windings of the stator.

Corres but made of a common weed may deplace burlap bags and save Brazi, a exporters malains, if a young university student a idea is carried out.



to the time, though the new pipe bender was illustrated at the left. As a vise it will take conduit up to two inches.

The bender will make offsets, another, governorks and other-delicult bends, it is said, quickly and accurately. Bends may be made downward or adewise. The forms and roller hold the

pipe to shape so that the

vise will not flatten or look it. After the measurements are taken, the operation is entirely mechanical.



The pipe is beld so the rice cannot kink it

#### Railroad Gate Halts Autoists at School Crossing

SCHOOL children who daily use the street crossing near their achool in Evanston, Ill., now have the extra protection of a "railroad gate." Juvenile traffic officers were formerly stationed at tracerosing, but their signals were often not heeded by autoists. So Mistorcycle Policeman Einer Reiter installed the crossing gate shown at the right, which the junior pouce now simply lower whenever necessary to allow the lidren to cross.

A GERMAN chemist, it is reported, has discovered a way to save movie films by channating scratches and other signs of wear from celluloid. The secret lies in adding a new ingredient to the film.



Motorcycle Policemen Reiter watching the operation of his "railroad gate" by the Juvenile police officers who make this crossing safe for the children of an Evanston, Ill., school

#### Cushioned Comfort in an Electric Light Bath



The calification of alates on rollers, and can be removed leaving an electric treatment table.



#### Rolling One's Way to Health

HEAD over heels rolling in the newest form of excreming in Europe. The device used is a double hoop connected with rods, shown above. Two curved bandles afford a good grasp for the hands, where special attachments bold the feet and head firmly in place.

It is used not only as an exerciser, but also by those training to become aviators.

#### Noiseless Auto Gears Here?

NEW gears for automobiles, which are said to period noneless operation and increased load carrying capacity, were described to the Society of Automobive Engineers recently. These "hyposi" gears, as they are entied, can now be made with no higher cost, it was mad, than apral bevel gears. They are described as "tapered gears with offset ages."



A few drops of gastions in the plant

#### It Kills Weeds with Gasoline

KILLING weeds with gusoline to the purpose of the new gurden tool shown at the left It looks like a cane and is filled with gaseline The sharp point of the cane is pressed. anto the ground at the root of the weed and lifted quickly. This releases a small. quantity of the hqusel, and within three days the weed dies. If correctly used, the gasoline will not spread to the grass, the maker mays.

#### Cylindrical Homes Roomy

CYLINDRICAL houses are being creeded in Germany to solve the housing problem. The houses are of standardised construction, all sections being iterchanges by Rooms are on two floors, and a cupola intended for storage purposes surmounts the house.



All wood ecrap in conveyed direct from

The U.S. Bureau of Fisheren are trying to learn why mackerel are plentiful some years and scarce at others, so that four abundance and size can be predicted before the fishing wearn.

#### Sawdust Salvaged for Fuel

WOOD shavings and sawdest are no longer an expensive waste but are notually used for fiel through a tirique system established recently in the plant of the National Cush Register Company Dayton, Onio.

Through an exhaust system all wood scrap is sent through a hogging machine that removes made and chaps the wood into bits. It is then sucked through a charger into a line that carries it to a storage brinker in the power house. From there it goes into a specially built furnace. The wood is consumed while it is in suspendous and hore side gas. There are no inshes or smoke. Two pounds of the refuse, it is estimated, equal one pound of coal in beating value.

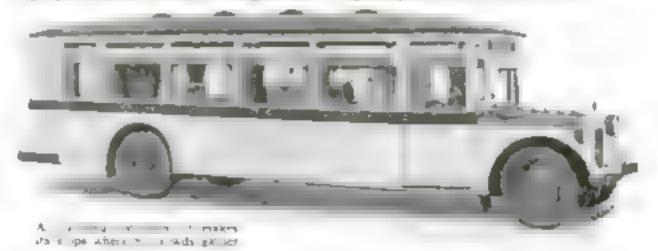
#### Diseases Your Plants Fight

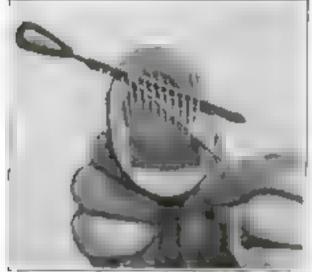
If YOU have a farm or garden, you may be discouraged by a list of plant diseases issued recently by the Department of Agriculture. Your rose bushes may be affected by any of thirty-nine diseases. Wheat is susceptible to thirty-one, corn to twenty-eight. Forty-two chemics he in wait for tomato plants, and apple trees fight against sixty-six diseases.

#### Motor Dining Car Serves Hungry Thousands

A MOTOR Pullman during car which travels over the country offering diners all the luxuress of cating on a train, is a new and aristocratic version of the popular limels wagon.

While the patrons sit comfortably in mahogany chairs, at tables boasting shaded lamps and even little meense burners, they can listen to dance music over the radio. A kitchen in the same car has a gasoline range, meat and bread sheer cash register soda formtain, and its own refrigeration system. There is also a sleeping compartment for the owners.





Darner Works Like Loom

WORKING on the principle of a love offers a new way to perform the ancient task of darming stockings,

Stitches are made lengthwise across the hole. Then the device is apperted crosswise so that bittle teetb I fl every afternate thread. The needle with darning rotton can be who shipped through and fastered. The mender is then tirned on its other side, causing the other set of threads to be lifted, and the need e is sent back to the opposite side. This is repeated until the lade is covered.

Two ogn sundant discovered in Ireland are said to prove that daylight savner existed hundrens of venrs before the twe fth cent ave. The ancient Irish hour varied, the day igl t hour in nadsummer being 80 tainates, and in worter only 40.

Sand Scraper Smooths Golf Green 🚙

EEPING mand greens A smooth presents difficulties to golfers who, of necessity, must use sand instead of grass greens. Scrapers left near the greens get in the way and, moreover, have a babit of getting lost, strayed and atolen.

Judson R. Brady, an oil operator of Arkansas City, Kansas, decading that to "racry your own was the best pean has nevented the ports acraper ilgistrated. It is a week binde that can be fastened by me - oof an adjustable cup to the head at a right-hand steel putter, and do tached by a slight twist.

#### "Movies" from Picture Cards

7750 EXPLAIN complicated me L channel operations, slow use tion movies, of course are the bestmeans. A less expensive way, however as by means of a small device producting moving pictures without using films or light, invented recently by a Frenchman. It is based on the same idea as the little books of pictures which clutdren flip

Pictures, each slightly differing, are placed on a band and fastened on a reel in a box recembling a camera. When a erank is turned, the pictures pass over a dot in succession to rapidly that they give

the appearance of motion.



clob, this handy scrapes levels the ground on sand greens

#### Start Highest Aerial Tramway

ESIGNS have been completed for the world's loghest neral tratismy, to scale the 14-501 for each right of Mourie Waitney Casforine The 'Monal Wh ney boxway " will be its our e

In eager mapended from melmed cables, passengers will ascend five rodes to the ponusele, all the while awaying from enig to crag and looking down into emprans and raymes. Halfway up there will be a steps and a lotel. On the crown of the mountain-a seventy-acre flat covered with stone slabs—will be erected another hotel, from which thirty of America's tallest mountains will be visthic. The rest of that trainway is gettmated at \$550,000.

#### Odd Office Building Unites Old and New

WHILE large industrial organizaplayers artistic surroundings and recreational advantages, it is unusual to high this true of small concerns. A private office building erected recently in Detroit, Muchagan, for George Harrison Phelps, The area orthogoney with alightly rion than a studred persons is therefore 42 44 14 4 4 14 F F F F

Light report to the green to be a dress a show r locker and rebbe g roems, a brown alway, library and kitcher

ette are provided in the building, as well as reception monis and offices. At the rear is an open air volley ball court.

In appearance the building is of the type of brick architecture of the Middle Ages found in northern Italy.

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#### To Time Your Telephoning

KNOWING time is up on longdistance telephone tails much arve you much money m the course of a year. Thus torning device for attachment to telephones consists of a threemore to said glass mounted on a piece of methoprd When the said runs few you know your time is almost gone.



Send in the glass rum three minutes

New Gas to Drive Zeppelin

A NEWLA discovered gas will be used for fuel instead of gasoline in Germany a super Zeppeh 1 now under construction at Friedrichshafen Vot only will this gas be a great step in making flying safer, but it will make possible longer flights and higher speed. Only a slight alteration in motors is used to be necessary in order to use the new fuel.

# Ways to Shorten

#### Decorative Butter Molds

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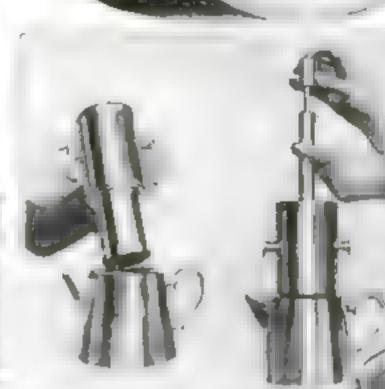


#### Safety First in Banging Clothes

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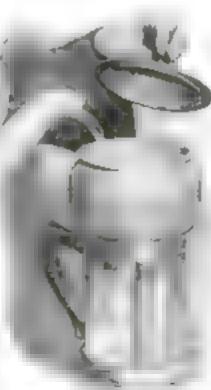
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# Household Tasks



#### The Corn Popper Modernized

If you like to see the core pop, you will emply using the new popper shows, which has a game cover. Instead of shaking the whole utems: you simply turn a handle on the lid, which is attached to a wire stores.

#### Can Opener Clamps to Table

One of the first requisites of a medge kitchen—now that enned foods are replacing home prepared foods to a great extent is a good, substantial can opener. The one alustrated below may be kept permanently clamped to the edge of the table, ready for matentians. It works by turning the creak



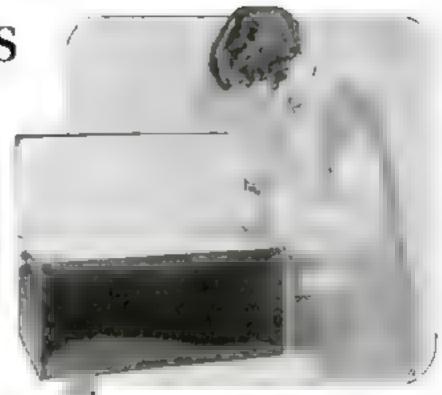
#### Egg Cutter Shaped Like a Chick

An armsing tool for the breakfast table is an egg rutter in the shape of a chirben. It works like a primare below a keen blade cutting the shell



#### Wire Dish Drainer with Silver Basket

The new dish drainer shown below has a little basket for acceptant which can be turned over the edge of the drainer and so out of the way when the savet has been usped dry. In the ordinary drainer where the adver is laid before shelter among the dishes the pieces have to be failed out and often slide down through holes between the wales.



#### An Ice Box for the Picule

Any woman who has had to plan lunches for picture and advisey auto trips will appear to an ure box blackbut above designed to at on the riming board of a cay. A waterproof box containing hence a covered with a lid end can be and from and to end of the chiest



Shoe-Trees Easy to Adjust

Shore of different sizes can be fitted with the new short-trees illustrated above, by a simple adjustment. They are unusually substantially made according to the maker and modeled on the latest sixts. They can be folded up also



#### Tea Stealner Pits in the Pot

Ten attrainers that dangle from the spout of the got are an unsightly makeshift at best. A new idea in strathers is one that fits made the teaper instead of being uses on the ou side. It is on a thin aluminum band, which has the curve, placing the atrainer over the base of the spout.



#### A Water Heater of Many Uses

Heat in the liquid recif instead of at the hottom of the kettle arrow quite m well for cooking, when no gas burner is available. This electric ammerican heater, above, can be used for moduing vegetables or eggs, for besting showing weres, etc. It is simply immeried in a bettle or tumbler of liquid and the current turned on



#### This Tosster Can't Burn Toust

You can't burn the tonet in this new electric tonster, styp the maker. You needn't even writch it while it's thesting. By means of levers, the tonster is adjusted to the degree of browness you like best at your toust. When the snapt is browned, the current is automatically shut off and the toust runed out of the way

#### Helps for Radio Beginners

# What Rheostats Do for Your Tubes

Binding Post Connections and Troublesome Wires

ANY radio beginners wonder why it is necessary to use special rheostats to control the current through the vacuum tubes in their radio receivers. No such throatabs are needed on the electric light bulbs in your house, and the reasest for the rheostat on the vacman take a not apparent until you begin to study the current supply available for ratho use.

The power company takes great pains to maintain the voltage of your house supply within very close limits, so that no matter what time of day or right you turn on the current the electric bullewill always operate at approximately the correct bribusice. Of course, there are slight fluctuations. Around supper time, when every nody seems to turn on the light at the same bour, there is usually a slight drop due to the audden load on the power

This said t variation does not compare with the fluctuations in the ordinary storage or dry cell type of A-battery. When fully charged, a three-cell storage buttery

may develop nearly seven and a half volts. This pressure drops rapidly to aix volta and then slowly to about five and a half volts, at which point the battery dould be recharged.

Vaccium tubes are much more deneste than electric light bulbs. and to get satisfactory service it n necessary to operate them at close to the right voltage. The manufacturers, therefore, make the tubes to operate at five volts, so that you can always get theright voltage by adjusting the rheostat.

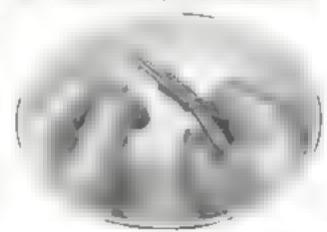
Those Dangling Wires

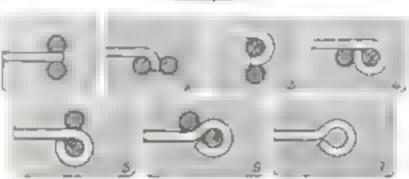
TT ISN'T necessary to have a lot of wires danging from your radio set to the batteries underneath the table. Modern factory built sets are often supplied with a battery were cable that includes all the necessary wires for A-battery and H-battery connections. If you have a home built or factory built set that is not fitted with a cable, you can bundle all the wires together and the them every few mehes with a piece of thread, as shown of bus wire to fit over a binding post screw.

in the illustration at the bottom of the page. If you expect to bundle the wires together in this fashion, it is desirable, of course, that you use something more substantial for connecting the batteries than ordinary bell wire.

#### How to Form Loops

THE terminals of workels, transforms Lers and other radio instruments are fitted with trusting posts or soldering lugs, and often with both, as that you can choose between the two methods of mak-



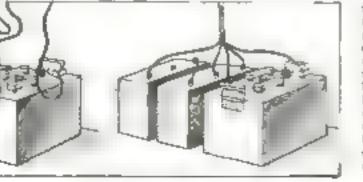


Binding Post Connections Are Easy This Way In Fig. 1 the extreme and of the wire is grouped between the

pure of the round more pliers. In succeeding Educations, the wire is first formed into a loop and then bent part way beckward to get center of the loop in line with the center of the wire

tag connections in hielding your radio Properly made binding post conner tions are just about as good as soldered connections for malio sets. That is true, however, only when stiff wire is used as it is difficult to claimp the end of a flexible. stranded wire under a busing post so that it will stay put.

The illustration in the center of the page shows how to bend the end of a piece



Cabling your bat tery wires an suggested here makes a pest installation god actually promotes efficiency Excess wire in stray locos to often the cause of regener stive feedback effects that appell the quality of reproduction in a est

#### A B C's of Radio

THE grid leak is an important unit in the circuit of a vaccum. tabe radio receiver. Without if the tube will not function properly in receiving the broadcast music or speech. And if the grid leak is of poor quality, but of approximately the right value of resistance, the broadcasting may be received with full volume yet with so much noise that reception is runged.

When the resistance of the gridleak is too high, the detector to be overloads an any but the weakest. signals, and distortion results, Toohigh resistance at this point also makes regeneration hard to handle, so that when you turn the knob that controls the regeneration often marked "volume or "intensity") the tube anddenly starts to how, and the noise cannot be stopped until the dial or knob is turned a considerable orelance toward zero. I so low a resistance means weak a gin s.

A signing and cracking none in the set is often due to a pour quality grid leak that constantly changes in resistance value, making the flow of current irregular.

With a pair of round time phero, you can shape up a perfect eyelet in the end of the were. The size of the opening is regulated by holding the end of the wice nearer or farther away from the pose of the pliers.

Crystal Set Range Limited

R ADIO beginners often spend hours and hours attempting to get long distance and loud volume out of a crystal set.

There is, of course, a great difference in the sensitiveness of crystals, but the maximum volume is strictly limited by the actual rtrength of the radio impulse that reaches the crystal by way of the autenna. All that any crystal can do as to reclify this signal and pass it on to the headphines. The vacuum tabe, on the other hand, not only rectifies the incoming

signal, but also draws current from the B-battery to reinforce it by regeneration in the detector tube, or to amplify it when the tube is used as an amplifier.

The vacuum tube a really a trigger that is pulled by the incoming signal to release many times the original energy from the B-battery,

#### You Can Use Storage Batteries

II ST because your radio set is designed for use with the dry cell type of tube does not mean that you can use only dry cells to light the filaments. A one-cell storage battery will operate the single dry rell tubes, and a two-cell storage battery will light the filaments of the tubes built to run on three dry cells in senes.

Of course the substitution of a storage battery for the dry cells is only worth while when there are means at hand for recharging. No change in the rhoustate

or internal wiring is necessary.

# A Fascinating New Radio Trick

How You Can Blend the Tones of Two or More Loudspeakers, with Surprising Results

By JOHN CARR

HERE is an emity built ratio accessory that will enable you to make some interesting new experiments with loudspeakers. And it restantly will improve the quality

of your radio reproduction anless you already own a loudspeaker that gives uniform volumens musical notes throughout the and ble scale.

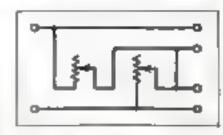
In a broadensting station, the section of the control mechanism that makes it possible for the operator to regulate the strength of the pick-up torough each encrophote when several are much as a termest the "muchog panel." The term accumily describes the device shown on this page. By using it with two londspeakers of different types, you can adjust the volume from each of them so that the combined effect will be more pleasing to your car than the reproduction of either londspeaker if used along.

The means, for instance, that you can connect up a small tin here loud speaker to one pair of landing posts and a fig. fiver-here speaker to the other pair. Then by turning the knobs of the variable resistances, you can bend high notes from the bittle speaker with throats deep-toned vibrations from the big hore.

You will find that a different adjustment is needed for each type of musical instrument when played alone, and you must make some change even on bands and occlustrat to compensate for variations in the placing of the various in struments in relation to the studio micro-

phone.

The effect of this initing on the human voice is even more marked, particularly the speaking vince. Higher pitched sounds in the speaking voice determine the case with which it can be understood waile the deeper tones give the voice its pleasing resmant quality. That is why it is possible to understand every word reproduced by a raspy, timy soudspeaker.





The "Mining Panel" Is Easy to Make

In the front view upper picture, the left hand hindring posts are connected to the output of your radio set, and the sign from the two load approximation connected to the upper and leaves building posts at right

while the same words coming out of a large been are difficult to understand atthough the quanty is in the latter case more pleasant to the ear. With a mixing panel you can balance though so that the your sounds natural, and when static to heavy yourgan emphasize the high-pitched tones to make the your more understandable.

A of the valuable use for the mordirectional effect that is so pronounced with some types of londspeakers. With it you can place two londspeakers at widely separated points in the same room and then require the volume from each one so that the listeners will be unable to tell from which direction the music is coming

Still another use is to adjust the relative volumes of two pages of headphones when both are being used, so that each listener hears the music or speech at the deared volume. This is partied hely helpful if one of the listeners in hard of bearing

You will have to build the mixing panel yourself. There is no such article to be obtained in the radio stores, although nearly every store selfs the sample parts from which it is assembled. The construction, however, preasy even for the man who has never done any radio assembling

What the mixing panel does in to connect the two

loudspeakers in series with a variable logic resistance shooted across each one. If a only parts needed are two variable resistances and same analog posts. If economy is important year can one a piece of dry wood for the panet. The resistances mounted on the mixing panel shown in the clustentens are of the 0 to 500,000 ohim type. You can solder the connections or use the briding posts implied on the resistance units.

The mixing panel shown in the idinatentions is designed to control two landspeakers, but it can be constructed to handle three land-speakers, too. Simply make the panel large enough for the additional variable resistance and hinding posts needed for the torid loud-speaker.

OBVIOUSLY, the mixing panel is most useful with two loudspeakers of totally different characteristics. As shown in the objectation, the combination of a small timborn speaker with a large size fiber-horn affords the greatest opportunity for variation in tone effects.

Doubtless you have argued at great length with your neighbors regarding the relative quality of your own and their loudspeakers. The mixing panel will enable you to make comparisons that clearly show how one speaker differs from another. By connecting up the two speakers to be compared and turning one off as you turn the other on, your cars will be able to distinguish very clearly the changes that take place in the tone quality—far more easily, in fact, than if one loudspeaker is abut off completely before the other is turned on.

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# RADIO Personality—

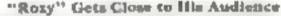
Have You Got It? These Men Found They Had It, and Became Famous

Of LD you fill the job of radio amounter at a broadcasting station. Besides possessing a radio voice, you would need an amazing combination of other ion discations. You would need to be a mission as you could step into the gap yourself with a song or instrumental solo when the scheduled artist faned to appear, for even a minute a detay will cause the issueds of fans to reach for the dials and time in some of ier station. Diparmacy, social polish, quick wit, and a wide range of general knowledge would also be necessary, to enable you to preside over the microphone at any function from the mangoration of the President to a prize fight.

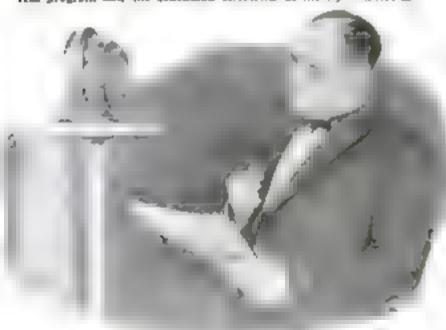
Could you q mhfy?



Back in the days when anpouncers were known to the radic autience only by lettere. M. Ion J. Cross above established a reputstion as the possessor of a visco that went through the messe phone to the pateners aren without foring any of its r .re. pleasing quality. His popularity has never waned. The job of radio announcer was a brand new one then. Today young men hankering after the same tob join waire rulture and public speeking risteen and whother but the pameers after Cross had to be their own teachers



B 1. Nothafel below! known to milisons of radio fans as "Roay," has made a arms trough success of his announcing by cutting out the format cut and dried phraseology and talking to his unseen listeners as though he knew each one of them personally. So popular is his announcing that his most ardent admires regard. Roay—so the real program and the achesialed selections as merely. "filters in



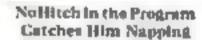
#### Graham McNamee of Station WEAF

The name of no other announcer in the world loday probably is known to so many listeners as that of Craham McNamor (right). His knowledge of known affairs is remarkable—whether he is broadcasting a political convention, musical program or print fight, he known his subject

#### Man Walter Wilson, left opend

The Bedtime Story

Waiter Wilson, left opend the announcers at station KYW us Charage, in a favorite with chartern who have interest to his bed-title stories. An instinctive inserticity of what appeals to chaltern, and a gift for energy telling, explain? Uncle flob a success



to Detroit, C. W. Kieby above) of station WW2 has built up a remarkable reputation for versa skity. It is said that he can fill in a delay of almost any length in the program so interestingly that the listeners do not tune him out to favor of some other station. No matter what happens, Kirby is always on the appt -- and always with the right idea.

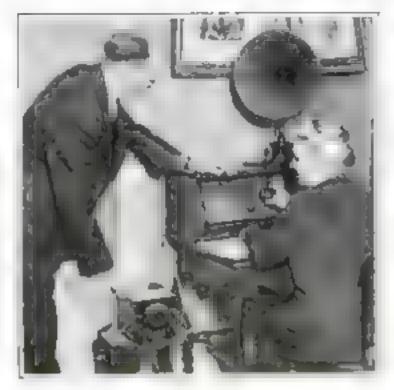


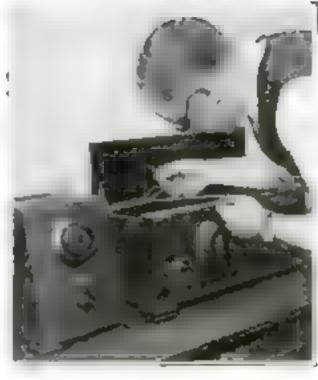
Major J. Andrew White (aluve) was among the first to populariae the reporting of great specting events play by play to distant radio listeners in



#### Installing a Wave Trap

If you live neer n powerful broad. eseting utation that drowns out all other stations on your diel, a wave trap may solve your problem. In the picture at the right, a service man. from one of the bigstations is show og a listener-ia how to tune out his own station by using 6 Wave trop





#### How to Use a One Stage Amplifier

One of the latest types of factor business in factor business in especially useful in improving the selectivity of a regenerative set It has another of vantage in that adds to the sets of the set on distant stations.

#### How to Increase Selectivity and Your Chances of

# Getting the Station You Want

Wave Traps, Amplifiers, Antenna Changes, May Help

SELECTIVITY as applied to radio sets is purely a relative term. It is all a matter of the conditions under which the set is working. So the problem of increasing the selectivity of your radio receiver may have one solution if you are using a certain length of antenna in one locality, or a totally inflerent solution if you live somewhere else.

The fact that so many broadcast stations are assigned to the same wave length, especially on the lower end of the scale, accounts for some difficulties you may be having in choosing between stations. In addition, the broadcasting stations sometimes stray from their proper wave lengths, creating interference that will bother you no matter how selective your radio set happens to be. For if the broadcasting from two different stations is actually on the same wave, it is obvious that there is no way to separate them.

There are theoretical rules and formulas that can be used to determine what an ideal antenna should be like. Unfortunately, however, no formula could possibly take rato account the wide variety of conditions under which amateur radio antennas are constructed. You will have to do your own experimenting to find out what type of antenna will give the best results for selectivity and distance.

REMEMBER that a short antenna always gives greater selectivity than a rig one, and that a horizontal anterna sometimes shows our siderable directional effect. It usually gives the most volume on stationa located in the opposite direction from the free end

The effect of a short antenna often can be obtained by connecting a fixed condenser of ,0001 mfd, capacity between the autenna lead-in and the antenna binding post of your set.

Completely shielding the receiver with sheet copper or tin foil will often improve the selectivity also. To try it, simply By ALFRED P. LANE

paste sheets of the forball over the resile of the cabinet and as much of the panel as possible without short-esecuting any of the astronomics attached to it. Make sure that all of the sheets of tin fiel are as metallic contact with each other and with the ground terminal of the rade set.

The circuit of hig 2 shows a very effective wave trap that can be assembled quite ensity by the radio fan who bkes to build his own apparatus. The variable condensers K and N should be about 00035 capacity if colls J and M consist of sixty to sixty five turns of No. 22 double cotton covered were would be a single layer on a three-tach form. Cold L should be about my to eight turns of the same size were would next to cold M on

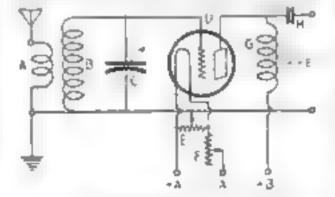


Fig. L. A useful circuit for a one stage radio amplifier, requiring no changes in the set

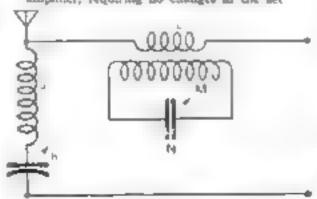


Fig. 2. Committee a frame burst wave suplit is useful close to high power stations.

the same form. Completely should up this wave trap by mounting it in a mifon smed but is desirable for best results.

The use of a factory built or home constructed wave trap of this type will jet a climinate interference on all types of sets that include a stage or two of radiofrequency amphibiation, such as the five-tabe neutrodynes and others.

BIT if you own a set that has only a regeneral we detector tube as fear of the audio as placer, the first and in a important way to suprove its selectivity will be to buy or build yourself a one stage radio-frequency amphier unit. The bonne builder will find the diagram of Fig. 1 a help. It shows a one stage radio-frequency amphier that can be attached to the regular antenna and ground building posts of the receiver without making any changes in the wiring of the receiver

If you are interested in home burt radio apparat is, the parts shome consist of con A six to twelve tiens of No 22 d a re-coffon covered wire wound on a three uch form next to red B, which should be sixty to aixty-five turns of the same wire if variable condenser C is of 600035 pifd capacity. D is a standard vacuum tube of the so-rage battery or lev eest type. E is a 2000-of up or 4000-of-up potentiometer. It is a twenty-ohm rhestat for the 301 \ take thirty-of m for the 100 type or six a up for the alor 12 type. (r is a standard type of radio-frequency Oncke cost or a spool wound with 600 turns of No. 32 insulated wire.

Be exceed not to wind the wire smooth layers. It should be jumble wound. H is a fixed condenser of also 01 mfd expanty. The outfit should be mounted in a shielded cabinet or lox.

hactory built wave traps and one stage amplifiers have been approved by the Popular Science Institute of Standards. You may obtain the list of all approved radio apparatus without charge.

# What Poor Oil Does to a Car

#### How a Few Pennies Saved May Mean Dollars Wasted on Repairs



partons and Gus. The carbon is crusted on nearly a quarter of an Early Units. The valves are parted too. That a what a pour

By MARTIN BURN

"Phe burning soft coal instead of gasoline?" whispered Joe Clark to his partner, trust itson, as the latter wasked out of the Model Garage in response to feature blasts from a motor born at the curb.

The car which had stopped there was en itting dense blue-black anoke in such tremendous volume that the two garage men were nearly sufficiented as it defted

rito the garage.

"My mane's Petter" began the owner of the car, shutting off the motor as Gus approached. "I we just moved into town, and my neighbors tell me you're the num to see when an auto presis fixing. And has car sine needs something done to it. It is get no power or speed, and it must be reall the time. Besides that it starts hard. Look her over and see what's the matter."

Gus caused the hood and inspected the level of the oil in the crankense. Then he asked for the hand crank and carefully tested the compression in each cylinder.

"Where did you get that oil, Mr.

Potter?" he inquired

"It's 'extra refined' oil and I got it at a great bargon; 'Potter answered, 'Costs me only thirty cents a gailon in fiftygallon drums shapped right from the refiners.

"Well, I don't like to discourage you " and Gus. "but using that particular grade of on has put this engine on the block for fair.

"What me you mean?" morted Potter indigmently. "I've been using that oil right along, and I never had any trouble with it before."

"THAT'S because it takes a while for the had effect of poor oil to show up in the running of the engine. Tous explained. "You can use poor oil and get away with it for a time, just as you can neglect your storage battery without trouble until the battery quits cold and leaves you straided on the road.

"Motor oil has to do only one jobkeep the moving metal surfaces from rubbing against each other. And it takes nightly good oil to do the job right. The film of oil between the moving metal ports in an eigine is thomer than the thomest sheet of theme paper, and if the oil is of such poor quality that the film breaks at any point, the bare metal surfaces will rub against each other and some of the metal will be worn away.

"Pleaty of poor oil is better than no oil at all because, if the oil film does break down, it is renewed by the fresh apply and the wear is slow. That's what has happened to this motor. The oil you are using is poor grade, but you have exclusive kept the crankease level up to the proper mark and so it's taken time for the wear to put the motor on the busin.

"How do you know the oil is no good? questioned Potter skeptically. 'You den't mean to tell me you can tell poor grade oil just by looking at it.'

"Nobody not even an oil expert can be sure about the quality of oil just by looking at it. The color of an oil doesn't mean much. I can show you two different oils one dark and one light, that show up exactly the same in the standard tests. Also, they are equally good for motor lubrication. Even the thickness or 'hody' of a cold oil doesn't prove much. The important point is whether the oil will get too thin at the high temperature of a running motor.

"Your motor has all the carmarks of poor lubrication. Hendes that, I know that high-grade oil can't be bought for

the price you paid.

"One engine oil gets a lot of rough treatment inside the motor, you know It has to be thus enough to run in between closely fitted bearings and yet stand terrific heat without getting so thus that it will be squeezed out by the pressure.

"Cheap sol is often a mixture of what the refiners call 'tops and ends the lighter oils that come off first when crude oil is distilled with enough of the heavy parts that come over last to give it about the right body. When you inbrigate a motor with such staff the lightern-like voperate into clouds of another and the heavy portions turn into carbon and gummy deposits.

"That's what a the names."

Look at your cylinder head and

brend of oil was do to a meter?

with your motor. It's chuck full of carbon. The valves are all gammed up and probably burned and pitted. And hecause the od is such a poor lubricant, the poston rings are worn so that the compression is no good. The bearings need taking up too.

I can hardly behave it s as had as all

that," and Potter.

"All right, said Cois. "Crane propord tomorrow and I hishow you just what the node of your motor works like and you can judge for we reself."

Potter showed up promptly the next

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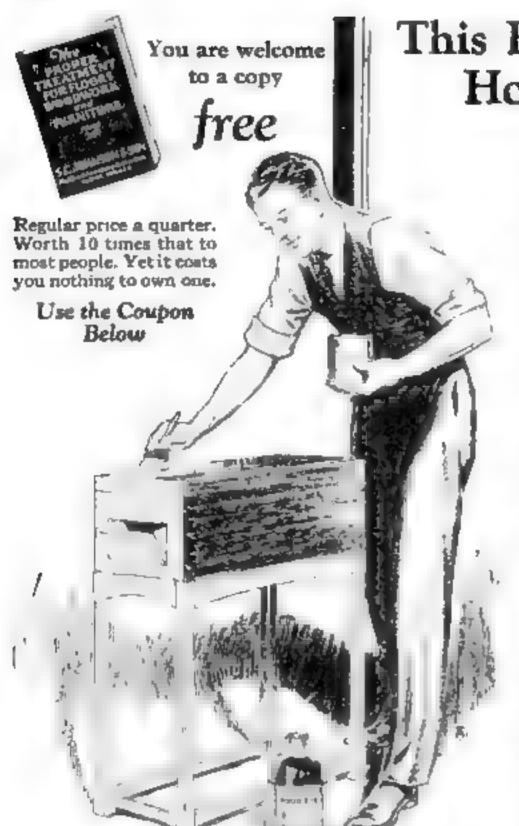
I had it inted up about right," said Gut as Potter strolled in "See here are the piston rings. Every one has blackened surfaces where it ought to be bright. Those dark areas are where the gas is rushing past the piston into the crank-rase. Look at that cylinder head and the lope of those justons. The cariain is criested on nearly a quarter of an inch thick. These valves are pitted to heat the band. And see how the carbon has baked on to the stems until they won t seat any longer."

"YOU win!" admitted Potter "II's

The hearings are pretty lone—Gusreplied—Til have to take them up—And the cylinder walls are borned and slightly secred but I think the cylinder none will clean them up easily enough. That s about all, but if you have any largering sites that the oil you were using is good just sook at the gummy deposit stocking to the oil pan.

"Humph" grouned Potter. "Counting in the cost of these repairs, that of will cost me about two dollars a gallon,"

"Pretty expensive oil," said Gus. "You can buy the best on the market for a whole lot less. And I d do it hereafter if I were you."



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# I seful deas for the Autoist

A Gong Device to Save You Waits at the Gasoline Station - Simple Tail-Light Cushion - Other Kinks

T IS certainly annoymg to drive up in front of a pushine pump and then have to blow your horn again and ugun until someone comes out to fill your tank. If you have had this trouble, why not suggest a remedy to the owner of your gasohne station? As worked out in a western filling station (Fig. 1), the idea is very simple.

The board opposite the pump was taken up from the wooden draveway and set in place again with a hange at the end farthest from the pump. Then a single-stroke gong was mounted on the side of the pump housing in such a way that a cord could be run from the hell lever down to the end of the beingel.

When an auto drives up, the front wheel de-

presses the board and so rings the bell. One clang will always bring the attendant on the run, while he might be deaf to the sound of the auto born simply because he hears anto horns continuously. The hell means just one thing to the service man Somebody wants gast

The same idea could be used in connection with an electric bell located insale the service shop. In that case the hinged board should be connected to a switch of the type used for stop lights.

DENT in the mud guard of your car A sa not pleasant. At the same time. it does not interfere with the operation of the auto. But if some other motorat hampa tulo you in such a way that the ta legight to broken, you are likely to get a ticket from the police officer before you discover the demage.

A nest way to insulate the tail-light against jars and bumps is to mount it on a piece of rubbensed fabric as shown to Fig. 2. A piece cut from an old auto tire will do. The lower end of the piece is bolted where the light was, and then the latter is bolted to the top so a jar will bend.

Ten Dollars for an Idea!

SLIFTON E. JACKSON, of Lot Angeles, Calif., wins the 010 prize. this month for his suggestion of a bracket to protect your tail-light (Fig. 2) Each mouth Portlak Science Muximus awards \$10 in adoltion to regular space rates to the reader sending in the best idea for motorusts. Other contributions that are published will be paid for at usual rates.



Fig. 1. The front wheel of the car. rolling over the loose board rings the bell and calls the georgine pump attendant. One clang brings bim

the fabric instead of smushing the light,

Arrange wire connection with enough slack on that bending bracket. will not break ware.

ORDING a creek with an automobile aurcessfully depends on whether or not the water gels at the agotion to abort-circuit it. One way of protecting the high tension wires that lead from the distributor to the spark plugs is to fit a section of old inner tube as abown in Fig. 8. The lower end should be tight enough so that water cannot leak through.

Of course this arrangement would be of no particular use uncept in cases where the distributor in located

rather low on the side of the engine. If it to as high as the air intake of the carburetor, there would be no use in fixing the distributor, because the motor would be

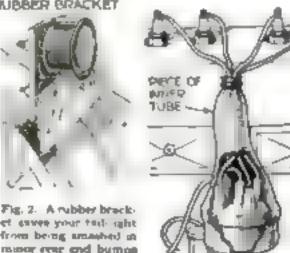
to fit a water-tight pipe over earbiretor intake with opening up near cylinder head.

ONE simple way to remember when you lubricated the car last is shown in Fig. 4. A piece of cellulaid in cut in a strip narrow enough an that it will not cover the figures on the speedometer dial. The cover of the instrument is unserewed and the sup placed between the run and glass so it will be against the gasse hid on the outside. Then you can jot down on the strip the speedometer reading when you go over the car and thoroughly labricate it. Allow the figures to remain as a warning until the next time, when they can be crased and new figures inserted,

TO MAKE sure that your automobile driving becase and car becase will always be on hand when you are in the car, use one of the folding leather key containers for your automobile switch keys (Fig. 5). You can put toe herose for each member of the fan my in the pocket of the same container. You can I start out in the car without the keys, and the beenses will always be with them.

MAEANING the top of the car is a A numerice, and consequently many auto owners neglect the job until the topgets exceedingly shabby. An Ingenic is way to keep the top clean is to fasten a strip cut from an old blanket across the garage just mode the door (Fig. 0), so that every time you drive in or out the top will be brushed off. The lower edge of the strip abould extend considerably below the lowest part of the top,

JALESS the needle valve that is controlled by the float in your automohile carburetor is absolutely tight, you will find it worth while to shut off the gasoline between the vacuum tank or main tank and carburetor whenever you are going to leave the car standing sile for several days at a time. This will prevent wasting gasoline through a slow leak.



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Fig. 4. Keep always Fig. 5. If you keep before you a record your auto beys in a of the last 1 me the car key container you can was subscated so that freep the licenses in the



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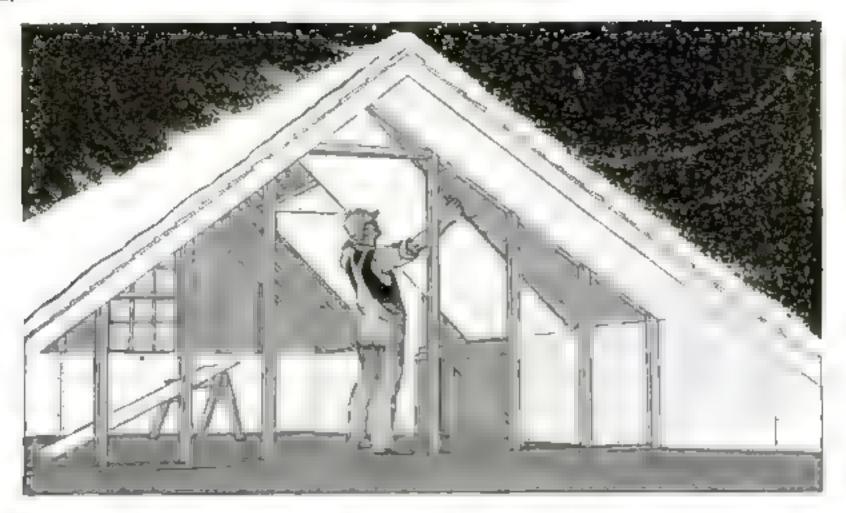
you will not easily porket and always forget when it was done have them with you

stopped anyway as soon as water started to flow into the air intake.

In such a case it would be necessary



Fig. 6. An auto top cleaner of this type Works automatically and will save you a lot of bother. Use a blanket or soft material



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# My Adventures in Toolcraft

An Expert Tells How He Built Miniature Railways and Merry-Go-Rounds, and Reveals His Tricks for Simplifying Construction

By Edward Thatcher

S LONG as I can remember I have had some sort of a shop and real town to work with. These shops have be jied me to much ways and have led to runny interesting adventures in the rentar of craftwork.

Caristings time, wher I was seven years old I shall never forget zu i ring down to The Circulmas tree in the very early mornnig. The very first thing I saw was a marvelous workberch, a real one, a cutper term bench in panighare, with

n vise on 1, a be selector for planing, saches in each end for tool everything as it should be

This was long before the days when mare at training be relies were sold at the stores. My father had had a c Pver | oeal | campetinaker breal at for me,

There was a marvelous rhest of real too a to go with it and, to top off the beginmug of a perfect day, there was a dandy toy steam en-

go to with a brase boiler and a bright red flywheel. I still have that engine and it runs for my boy, Mike, and for me.

A little later on one of the attic rooms was turned over to me for a shop-my first real aliop, a place of my own, where I could go and work, Saturdays and after school. I still remember the thrill of it

TY FATHER and grandfather were .▼▲ in the painting and decorating business and drave about the country to oversee many different jobs. Often I went with them and watched work being done by skilful workings carpenters, mosons, plumbers, psucters, and, only occasionally, an electronia.

Then, too, there was the large "store" in town where our men worked at sign painting and other things. There it was a great pleasure to watch my father do an occasional difficult piece of work, for he was, and is, one of the most skiiful craftsmen I have seen. My mother, too, was



In contrast to his present shop share), Mr Thatcher for vers did practically all his lighter work in a 4 by 7 ft. enem. A in er article will tell enertly down he firted up hat most remarkable little shop

lens, and a carole end was stock on a shelf mediated on the post behind it

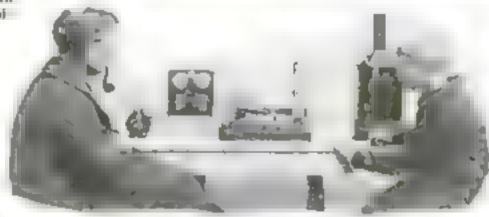
And there there was a toy gravity railroad.

The construction was very sample, as shown in one of the

drawings on page 96 (Fig. 1). The track (A) consisted of wooden stress nailed to boards, the boards being about 6 m. wole. The rails were to gued strips ordinarily used an ables for window screens. Wooden strips 1/2 in, square in section might well be used for the rada, an it may be difficult to get the tangued strips now. When laying the track it is convenient to use the gage shown at B.

THE general layout of the gravity I railroad is shown at C. Fig. 1. One and was elevated and rested on a box.

A plan of a simple switch is given at D. A section of the track is made movable, so that one end of it may be shaved over opposite either of the switch tracks. A wooden lever is connected to the switch with a link of wire, mails being driven in the board underneath the track and used as stops. The frog consusts of a small section of track cut carefully to a sort of diamond shape (Continued on page 96)



Playing Engineer and Fireman

This ministure electric generating plant is one of many toys Mr. That, her has assembled for has som. Who gets the more fun out of them is a question. Mr. That ober invested a method of tut-can tay making used extenuvely in reconstruction work for wounded soldiers. For Aftern years he was an entructor of deco-

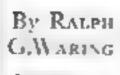
very skilful in making things, particularly. in making something old and valueless into comething new, useful and attractive Always our motto was, and still is, ' If you haven't it, make it'"

I well remember beloing gild with gold leaf the great eagle from the top of the town flagpole and the thrill of hearing my father tell of an early morning climb to gils the half and weather vane on the steeple of our old church, which church George Washington had attended.

One of the first things I recall having made was a semaphore signal. The signal arm was sawn from eagar box wood. Red paper was pasted over one end of it for a

# The Magic of Brush Lacquering

How You Can Use the Quick-Drying New Finishes for Beautifying Floors, Furniture and Woodwork





Applying green lucquer to the bandles of as old deak made over into a littrium workt able

WOOD morning, Dan. How did year mother like the brushing because work you did for her?" "Fine, Mr. Waring, She was so pleased with the quickness with which the lacquer dried and its fine appearance—how it stands washing and everything—that she wants me to do a lot more refinshing about the home. She took me to ask you if it would be all right to use a light gray bequer on the kitchen floor. She thought mary const be used for the breakfast room act its match some ivory enumeled pieces we have. Perhaps we could have sage green for a termining color. Would the lacquer stock to the brown chem knows on the k tenen doors? The hrown keeps don't go well with the new page reory ename on the rest of the woodwark."

"Well, Dan, here is a good brand of largier, which I have been analyzing. It wol do just what variable. I think that it will be a clever idea to cover the brown erons knobs with this jude green largier to match the chair trim. When I was at your large the last time, I noticed that the knobs on the kitchen explanate at cless were looking quite worn, so don't you think it want be a good idea to large in those green, too? It would trim the cupboards arely to have the green knobs with the ivory doors.

"DO YOU know, Dan, I believe I will make a test job of this and we will go over to your house together an that I can check the conditions as we come to them. It won't take so very long. You take these cans of pale every jade green and light gray, and a can of thinner Retter get a pencil brush of soft hair one brush an inch and a half wide, and a tarce-nell fitch varuish brush."

We drave over to Dan's house where the affable Mrs. McChesney greeted us with her ready annle of welcom?

"Tis fine of you to hop my Danny so much, Mr. Warneg. He gets a grand chance to learn his trade with you

"Well, Mrs. McChesney, I expect to



Pinishing a chair seal with dark brown facquer. Note the knobs and clean cut banding

learn something invielf that morning." I responded. "There is always comething new to be found out about fluishing work if you will let us have a package of securing dust, two pails, and a something brush together with a spenge, we can get ready for work."

While Mrs. McChesney was getting these, I told Dan how necessary it is to clean the old finish over which colored or pigmented, lacquers are applied. No facquer will adhere to a greasy surface.



In lacquering a Boor brush only one way, from the foushed to the springshod partner

"Do you recall the lacquer floor test we made, using varnish remover to take off the old finish?" I asked Dan.

"You. That was the time the lacquer didn't get hard for about ten days."

"I found out the reason, Dan. You remember how carefully we washed the work with denatured alcohol after unpy the varual remover, Well, it wasn't enough to remove every trace of wax from the cracks between the boards. Varnish removers have paraffin in them, you know, to delay evaporation. Variosh apparently is not affected by the trace of wax left in the cracks, since it hardens on schedule time. On the other hand, the powerful thunners used in lacquer take up the wax, disadve it, and permit it to come to the top of the lacquer film as it starts to dry. The thinners penetrate this film of wax so slowly that in this particular case it took ten days to dry, when an hour should have been ample. When I applied a second coat afterward, it took three days to harden properly. Rather surprising for material which is supposed to be ready to walk on in an hour! So, to clean the remainder of the floor for the test. I tried a web known brand of seageing dust and also a common commercial eleanser that acts on oils and grease by emulsify ag them and, therefore is easy to range off. Both of these proved to I excellent. After their use the heater dried in from fifteen to Horty importes and was ready to be walked on.

By THIS time the cleaning materials had been gathered by Dan's mother. We added a cupful of the scotting provider to a pail of hot water and used the solution for cleaning the door catches, knobs and chara. The surfaces were sponged with water containing enough vinegar to make it taste a little sour. We dried everything with clean cloths an as to avoid any free moisture, which would have delayed us. Vinegar, I explained was necessary to neutralise any alkali that might remain in the cracks or joints and possibly spoil the lacquer.

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# A Real "Rise-and-Fly" Model

Here's a Durable Little Plane That Gets Off the Ground Under Its Own Power

By J. DANNER BUNCH



Of probably have flown model areplanes—most men and boys have and, therefore, can answer this question: We sen do you prefer to see, a tractor model in flight or a "pusher"?

Most model enthusiasts will say "teactor" at once, mainly because it is more nearly against in construction to a full sized surpane. And a tractor, although usually cracky and hard to balance, is a very stable queline and makes consistently graceful flights when once a successful design, such as that illustrated, has been adopted.

In experiments with tractors, I came to the conclusion that the design should embody the following features: A high center of gravity, a medium dibedral angle, a large diameter, low pitch peopeller, and a negative angle to the tail surface. These characteristics have been provided for in the model illustrated.

I call it an R. O. G. tractor menoplane because it will run off the ground under statema power. It has made hand hunched flights of 1300 ft, and R. O. G. flights of more than 1000 ft. Furthermore, it is a very dirable machine. You should have equally good results if you follow the design closely.

Tool requirements are few. You will need a small pair of phers, a know, a block plane, and a small drill, as well as a canole and a pair of sections.

MATERIALS are inexpensive—some good, straight grained white pine for wing spars and fuselage, a block of white pine for the propeller, some well dried bamboo for ribs and rudder, and some reed (ration) for the undercarrage and tail. The reed should be 14 in. in mameter, and tough and springy. A small piece of 5m m. outside diameter brass tuling with 16 in, thick wall is needed for the propeder shaft bearing; some 16 m. dimmeter steel psano wire for propeller shaft, axle, rear hook and tail skid, a few by-m. copper washers; a spool of white silk thread for binding; some thing silk for covering wings and tail. The cheaper grade of china silk is better for this purpose, as it is not so closely woven and takes the "dope" better. To treat the rovered surfaces and varnish the framework, you will need some regular aisplane nitrate dope or some hamboo varnish, which can be purchased from any model



airplane supply bouse, where you also can obtain the rubber needed for the motive power.

The first step in to construct the functions or body. Select two pieces of white pine 30 in, long for the longerons or asic rails A. The longeron at its greatest depth which is 3 by in from the front end is 2g in. From there at tapers to 2g in deep at the front end and to 16 in, deep at the rear. Plane to 5g in thick, sandpaper and round the corners slightly. Measure back about 3f in, from the front end of each and make an angle cut so they will fit together closely. Put glue around the ends and hand the pieces logether with a few wrappings of salk thread. Glue always should be used before binding.

The three cross braces or compression struta B are made from bamboo. It by to the the made from bamboo, It by to the the made forced into knife slits in the longerous and gheef. The front strut aboust hold the longerous 1 14 in. apart, the middle strut, 1 14 in., and the rear strut, 1 in. Measure forward 14 in. from the rear ends of the longerous, make angle cuts, and glue and hind the parts together, first alsding the

longerous one way or the other until the fusciage is true. True the ends even

Cut a block of white pine M. 14 in thick and 14 in aquare, and groove slightly on top to make a cradle for the tubular propeller bearing. Lay the bearing L, which is

'gen. brass tubing % in, long, in the cradle and bind the whole. The front end of the tube should be tapped lightly with a businer to form a up so it will not sho back through the threads. Before the glue dress, line up the bearing fore and aft along the center line of the funcings.

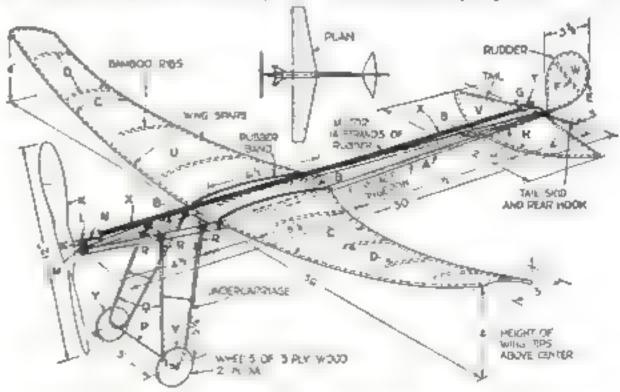
The radder frame is of hamboo % by % in The outline E is one piece Pt in, long. I roll a hole vertically through the end point of the longerous, glue, and force one end of the outline into the hole until it comes through even with the under side. Next drill a hole into the end grain of the joint and force the other end of the outline into it.

Heat the bamboo a little, if necessary, to facilitate the bending. All bends in the bamboo should be made with the glossy side of the bamboo on the outside.

Make the rear book and tail skul S, which is all one piece, out of  $i_0$  in diameter piano wire; drill the necessary hole, put the wire in place, glue, and bind. The ridder brace F is handless  $i_0$  by  $i_0$  by about  $3i_0$  in. It is only necessary to force it in place as the covering will hold it securely.

Draw the un- ( interved on page 91)

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General view of the model. Complete details full use wing plan and bill of materials are contained in Home Workshop Bluepeurs No. 50, which can be obtained for 25 cents. For page 105 for sixt of bluepeints



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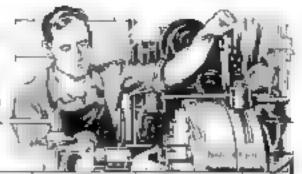
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How Expert Mechanics Save Jime and Labor





How to Test Them Accurately -The Astonishing Futility of Many Common "Proofs"

By HENRY SIMON

S YOUR try square square? When is it square? How do you know it is. and her can you prove it?

The mechanic who was asked these tprestions opened a drawer and took out

two slu ty squares.

"See those? Well, Ill show you! And he performed an tests (Fig. 1 Nos. I to 6), using for the last two a steel plate with ground and polished surface and edges. The two squares matched beautifelly every 1 me.

'How a that? Beginning to look

prefty good?

We thought it was more than pretty good—in fact, more than enough. But he went on and put the equares through ther paces again. Two more tests? hight tests in all! The one before the last was the reversing test. We know that one, and two or three of the others. But we had never thought of all of them. Didn't thick to tell the troth that a square could be tried so many ways.

Satusfied? I guess we were. If those eight tests didn't prove the square square, then what would? We were more than natisfied, and we told the mechanic so.

ND with those eight impressive tests, our mechanic had not proved either one of those squares. With the first six, in fact, he had not proven mything-he had not shown one single element of either square to be right or wrong. With the seventh test, he had managed to show both squares to be 25 percent right, but they might still be 75 percent wrong. The eighth test did not better that percentage, but merely corroborated what previous ones had established. So, at the end of the eighth test, for all the proof both squares might still have handle and blade both out of parallel, with three angles wrong on each.

Seems impossible? Perhaps so, but take a look at Fig. 2, Nos. 3 to 8 melusive. Note that in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 the

taking softwees, each out of true in every concervable way were used and that in spate of this they

match perfectly in every position shown. See how the seventh test succeeded only in establishing one right night on each The angle between the inner edge of the handle and the outer edge of the blade. Look at the eighth test, and prove to yourself that it did not belp matters any -handle and blade are still out of parallel and all but one angle wrong the angle shown to be 00 deg, by No. 7

It might here be objected by the argumentative mind that the chances are against both squares being out of true just the way they are shown, and that

the law of probability is in favor of the separes proving each other after the first two or three tests. There is some truth in that asgument, but its force is spoiled through practical considerations. One of these is that if two squares each have only two compensating defects, such as for instance the pair shows in Fig. 3, No. 0, where each has one right and e, while being out of parabel on the handle and the blade they can still pass seven tests without being proven true.

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MANY time-saving thep ideas are contained in the continuation of the Better Shop Methods Department, on pages 114 to 117 and 125 to 131.

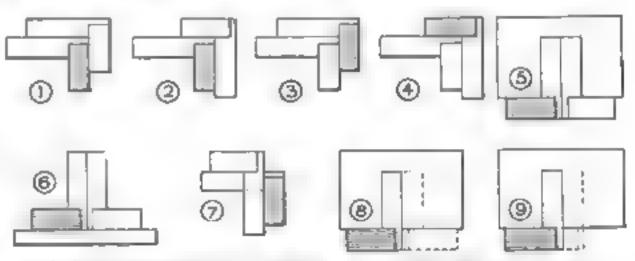


Fig. 1. Any 1900 or three of these (rate ordinarily would be regarded as proof that the squares are really against and obsolutely accurate, yet without the mostly less the others are quite valuables.

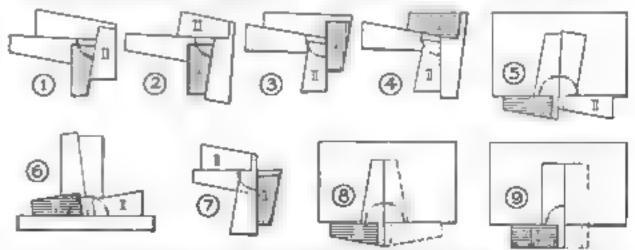


Fig. 2. Here is a very interesting and assuring proof of the pitfalls (a testing two equates of unknown accuracy. Note that the pair of aquatres used in tents I to 6 are out of true as every way



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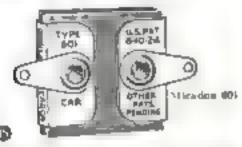
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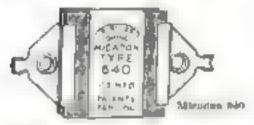




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By EMANUEL E. FRICSON Voted Manual Tr-

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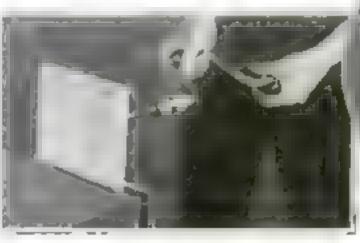


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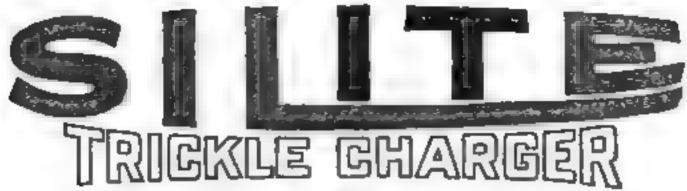
To maure buring straight use a try square to test the direction both per Stem How G C C often are guided by means of a doweling jig. which is clomped directly on the work



When the spur of the bit comes through, stop boring, remove the bit, reverse the brace, and bore from the other side until the hole is finished. This will insure clean edges. In removing a bit, give it one turn backward to loosen the acrew point, then pull it out while turning steadily forward. This will insure bringing out the shavings



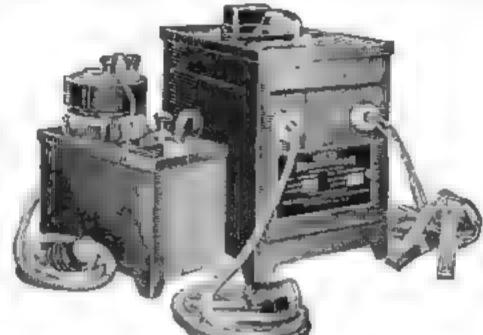
If a bit strikes a mail or becomes dull through use, it can be restored by filing it with a special auger bit file Sharpen only the inside of the "spurs" and the upper (shank side of the cutters or "fips." Consult a tool catalogue for the various types of plann and expansive bits



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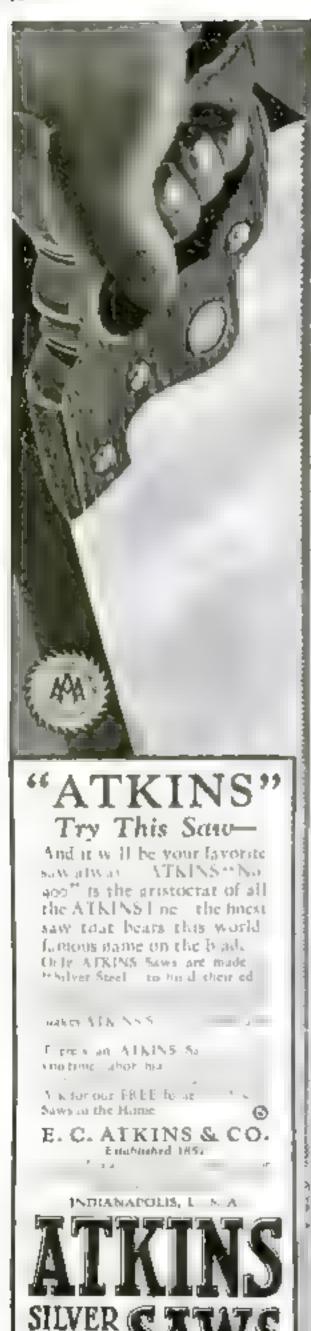
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# Mome Work

Ship Model Fans, Ahoy!

# You Can Build a Rotor Yacht

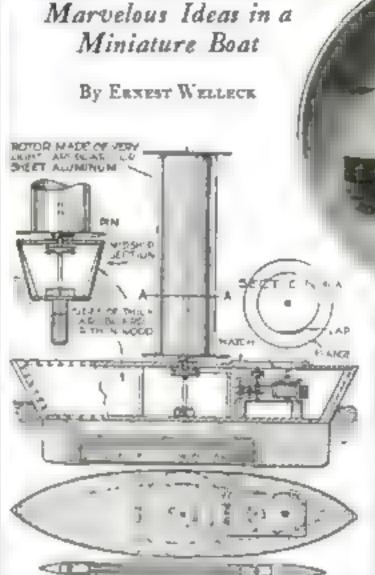


Fig. 1. Diagram suggesting one of the simplest weys to construct a clockwork-driven rotor ship

I DGING from the interest that acpurry renders of the Home Workshop family have taken in the building of ship models, it is reasonable to assume that they will be doubly interested in huiding on a small scale a working model of a rotor ship. Auton Fiettner's sensatropal insertion

Although the rotor and its application for propelling ships and windmills, an described last month in Popular Science MONTHLY, are protected by patents in all envilwed countries, those who make minuture rotors need not fear and for infringement. The inventor, during his recent yeat to New York, cheerfully extended has permission for Home Workshoppers to build men models. At the same time he expressed the confident belief that the building of small roter ship models not only will give the builders pleasure, but also will teach them intensely interesting essens in aerodynamics.

Before Mr. Flettner built his first rotor ship, the Bucken, now Boden Boden, be prepared the ground by several months of experiments with models (Figs. 1 and 3). He established by tests that the potential propelling power of a rotor cylinder of a



given projection surface is equal to that of a sud or sade with an area ten times as great. The theory of this was explained last month and is again andicated diagrammatically

As rotors may be used on pay ship, practically any hell design may be elsen for a retor supmodel Taose among the workshoppers who bave had expended in his long an ring models will find no dithe its in ninking a so table half Trose who have had no such experience will find in Home Work shop Blueprint No. 48 (see page 10.)) an excellent yet ample way of

building a small bull of a racing type. Anyone who has both several ship modes and writer to change one of their into a rotor susp may do this easily by removing the musts and sails and patting

in their place one or two rotor cylinders. The rotor cylinders may be made of stiff paper cardinard or then sheet metal. The dimensions for a hall & ft. long are given in Fig. 5. If the hall is made larger or smaller, the rotor dimensions alould be changed proportsonately

ROTOR extender should be closed at A cach end by a flat disk, a sout 1 in larger in diameter than the cylinder, so that it forms a flange approximately by m wide at top and bottom. These flanges mercase the effectiveness of the rotor by 100 percent, as they prevent the air from flowing an at both ends and destroying the suction effect, which supplies sever eighths of the propeling power of the rotor.

The rotor or rotors always should be in a vertical position when the ship is on an

even keel

In a model built for looks only, the placing of the rotor or rotors is a simple matter. Each (Continued on page 80)

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# Workshop Workshop

# You Can Build a Rotor Yacht

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cylinder is provided with a spindle which passes through the centers of the two end pastes. The lower end of the spindle is inserted in a hole in the deck of the ship or in a small cylindrical base, slightly larger in diameter than the cylinder of the rotor and about 14 m, high.

When a working model is attempted, some means for turning the rotor or rotors at a rate of 100 to 150 revolutions a minute must be provided. If one is con-



Fig. 3. In laboratory wind tunnel tests these models proved of equal efficiency

tent to "sail" the model only up one direction in relation to the wind, that is, with the wind either port or starboard, it is sufficient to have the rotation is one direction. To allow the boat to be sailed? back and forth across a pond, the mechanism must allow the direction of rotation to be reversed.

The relection for the ancres of power for the rotor must be left to the ingenoity of the builder of the model. The most primitive and cheapest, but not the most satisfactory power plant, is undoubtedly a rubber band motor similar to that used to rotate the propeders of small ampliance models.

One type consists of a rod about 1 ft long, with a fixed disk at one end and a rotatuble dosk at the other. Through holes near the periphery of each disk rubber bands are threaded from one disk to the other. At one end the rod is provided with a crank handle and a ratchet wheel.



Fig. 4. How wind, retor and boat move

When the crank in turned, the rubber bands are twisted around the rod, which is beld in place by the ratchet when the required tension has been reached. The tension of the twisted rubber bands would cause the rotatable disk at the

other end of the rod to revolve as the crank is set in motion, were it not for the fact that it is held by a trigger. When the trigger is released, the wheel begins to turn and, as it is geared to a small cogwheel on the propeller shaft, it imparts to

the propeller a rapid whirling motion. A similar contrivance may be stowed away in the hold of the ahip model and geared to the shaft of the rotor to give the required speed. The rubber bands can be purchased from any model airplane dealer and the gears obtained from a toy construction set.

The spring actuated mechanism of an old alarm clock, a sum ar mechanism taken from a defanct mechanical locomotive or other toy may be used to better advantage for operating the rotor.

MANY toy apring motors and munc box motors have speed governors, which keep the speed of rotation more or less uniform. This is of especial advantage in a rotor ship model.

With some ingenuity a gear shift may be interposed between the drivewheel or shaft of the source of power and the spindle of the rotor, so that the rotor exhader may be rotated in either direction.

Anyone who possesses a small electric motor driven by a minimize battery may counter himself particularly fortunate, because, with this power plant in the hold of the model and genred to the rotor spindle, has any will be asse to undertake much honger crosses.

These suggestions, which hy no means exhaut the possible means for supplying

the required motive power, make at obvious that it would be impract-cal to give defia te directions for testal rag all of these motors or for hooking them up with the rotor These problems, different in early individual cane. must be solved by the workshopper who undertakes to build a working model of a rutor ship.

If the works of an alarm clock, a mechanical toy or a muse box are selected, the y should be placed as low as possible in the hold of the

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Fig. 5. Two freight and one rucing mode)

ship, so that they will act as ball ast and add to the stability of the ship. In placing the works, it must be remembered that they must be wound from time to time. Do not locate them so that it will become necessary to take the entire ship model to pieces to wind up the spring. There again you will have to exert your ingenisty.

Another prob-

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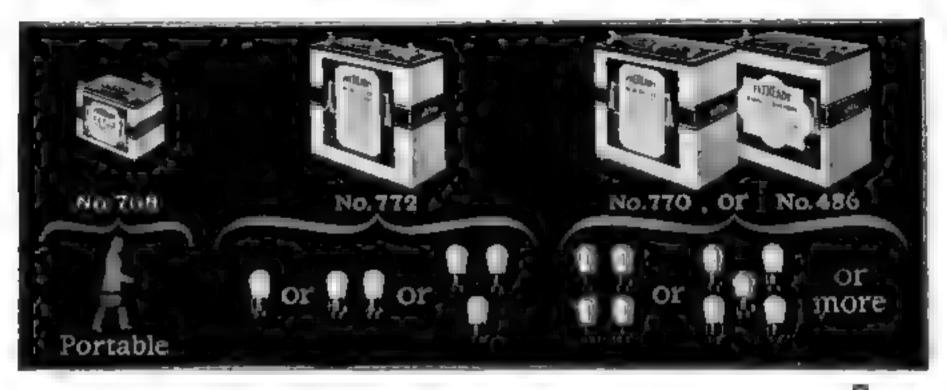
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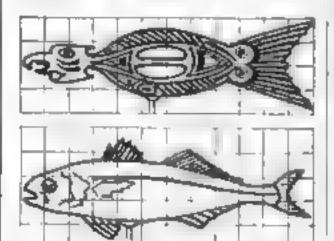
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### Ornamental Weather Vanes for the Camp Cabin



WEATHER vanes for the camp may be cut from 34 or 54-in, cedar, cypress ac pine boards and mounted on brass rods. The designs below can be enlarged easily by means of the squares to any size. The originals were 2 ft. long.



A conventionalized bird to be painted gayly, and a blumbsh. Rach square represents 2 in.

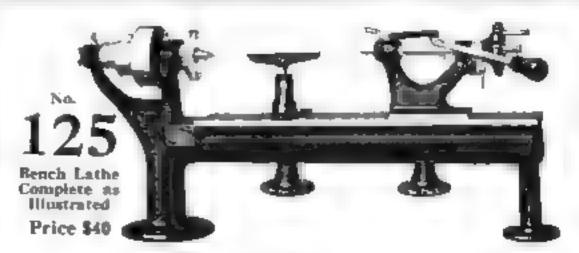
### You Can Build a Rotor Yacht

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lem is presented by the hooking of the draying mor maison with the rotor to give the proper speed. The samplest scheme in Hustrated in Fig. 2. In a fair wind the rotor should make about 100 revolotions a minute; in a gentle breeze. about 150.

On the Huden-Haden the rotors are driven by individual electric motors, the speed of which can be regulated and controlled from the bridge. The best that can be done in a rotor ship model is to proyale for a maximum speed of 150 revolutions a minute and devise some means two pulleys of different sizes, for example. on either the rotor or the driving shaftfor reducing the speed of the rotor if the wand is stronger

Without a gear shift to make it possible to turn the rotor cylinder either clockwise. or counter-clockwise, the slup model can sail only in wind coming from one direction. If you imagine the rotor turning clockwise, for example, your ship can sail only when the wind comes from the left aide, facing the bow. Wind coming from the right would drive the ship backward.



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# He's a Wise Old Walnut Bird

And All He's Made of Are Two Nuts and Some Scraps-A Novel Dinner Party Favor

By F. CLARKE HUGHES

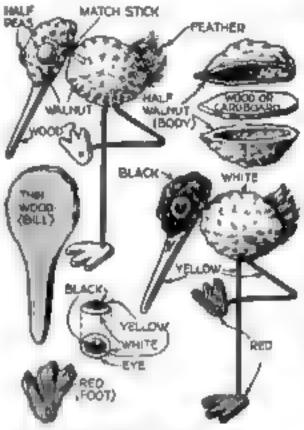
THIS were old bird may be made quickly and easily from three balfsections of English walnut shells and some other small accessories.

First make the body by gluing two half-shells together with a piece of thin wood or cardboard between them. The wood or cardboard offers less resistance than the shell when the holes for the legs and neck are drilled.

The head and long beak are made as shown. The eyes may be half-sections. of dried peas or cherry pits glued in place. the feet, cardboard, heavy rubber or lusoleum. A match or toothpick makes a good neck, but should not be glood. Feathers are glued on to represent the tail. Light magnet or hell wire, with the mediation left on, serves well for making the legs, which then may be bent into all sorts of amusing positions.

For holding the various parts in place, use glue, scaling wax, or beeswax.

The bird finally should be painted in bright, clear oil colors or, if quick drying is desired, with dry powdered colors moved with white shellac.



The body of the bird to made sike the head by gluing shells to thin wood or nordboard

### Can You Think of a Good Name for These Novelties?

MR. HUGHES walnut had has many relations. They are all made of odds and ends—nuts, pine cones, beads, matches, toothpicks and bits of wood, glass lin full, and the like,

These cursons little novelties, which are lite of fun to make and exceedingly amusing to look at, will be described in a series of short articles. We should like to gave a catchy name to these things.

pies" has been suggested, since they are made of accupe of material purked up here and there—nul scrappies, come scrappies, shell scrappies, and the like. Another proposal is bit-lucks."

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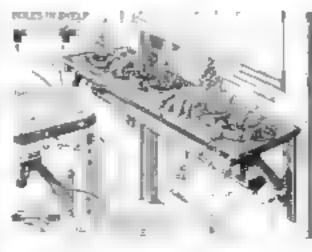
ROMPING children are so upt to upset flowerpots when placed on ordiThe shelf bracket can either be bought

plant stands, that it is worth while to consumption . 1 g make high flower shelves of the type dlustrated. They keep the plants out of harm's way and at the same time give a povel and distinctive window treatment.

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pary window ledges, window shelves or or made from wood according to any

stutable design. A nest tin deip pan la suspended beneath the pota. If pota smaller than the holes have to be accommodated at any time, it is a simple matter to fasten them with wedges, as shown. The shelf should either be stained and varanshed, or painted or enameled to match the woodwork of the window term.-GROBGE H. CAPPEL



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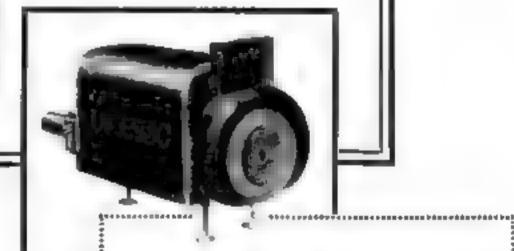
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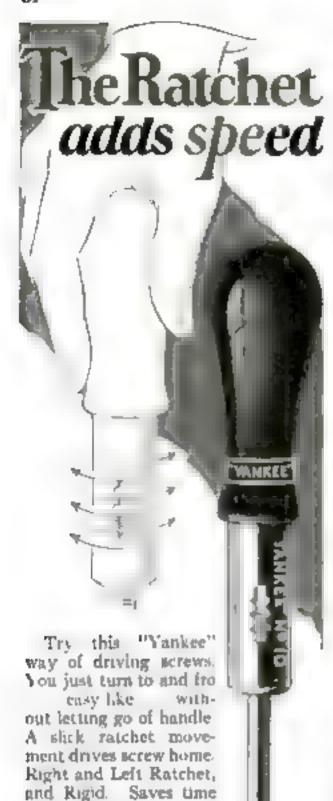
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For receiving the ends of the slats, cut in. dados across the inside edge of the stales at angles of 45 degrees, to a depth of 3n in. The upper edge of one stat should he a little higher than the lower edge of the next slat above.

Assemble rash and stiles, many beavy white lead instead of glue. Afterward here through the mortises and tenons for two \*<sub>a\*</sub>m, dowels.

I se 34 by 134 in, stock for the sluts, cut to lengths that may be driven in lightly after being coated with white lend. Fasten with 1-in, brade and plane down flash with the stiles. The shutters should



Fig. 2. Shutters of the Venetian or slat week type redeem the oppearance of a place boune

be langed to the casings, although they can simply be mailed to the walls.

An extremely sumple type of shutter (Figs. 1 and 3) to that built of ceiling, which is tongued and grooved stock. Here the width is equal to one half of the window width plas the main caming width. Cut the pieces of 1 by 4 in. ceiling (preferably V-grooved) to approximate length. make I by 4 in. cleats with chamfered corners, and blind nail the ceding to the cleats. Further making is done by driving two fivepenny box nails at various angles through each cleat into each board. Saw to length and joint the edges. Lay out the crescents at an angle, keeping them well above the center, and cut out with a compass mw. Smooth with wood rasp and mudpaper.

A purely ornamental type consists of two pieces of 1 by 6 in, wood nailed to short cleats, with a simple flower-in-pot design anwed out of the center (Figs. 1 and 3). Lay out, cut, and finish one board to



use as a pattern for the others. Paint the shutteer before nating op,

Six separate boards, also spaced at the joints, are used in the shutter illustrated in the lower left-hand corner of Fig. 8.

Pleasing variations of texture may be obtained by dressing the wood with an adae, or with a scrub plane, and bolts may he substituted for made. By ramidal headed excatchera and striven over the structoral nade likewise improve the appearance of shutters that follow a rustic design. Special hardware to im tate hand forgings also can be obtained,-E. L.

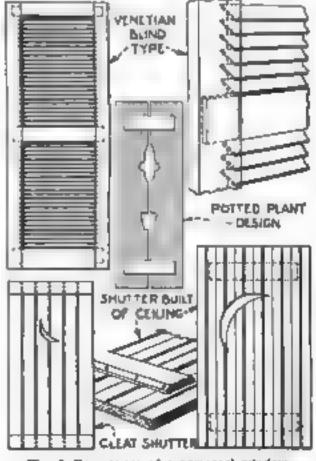


Fig. 3. Four types of ornamental window blutters the emeteur mechanic can build

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## Sundial for Your Garden

By ERNEST BADE

SUNDIALS are among the most fa-vored of garden ornaments. They are always interesting and pacturesque, yet basically their construction is simple.

How accurate they are in telling the time depends upon the paint taken in making and setting the dial. Similarly, the pedestal can be made as plain or ornate as the builder desires.

Only the essential elements of sundial construction will be given in this article; the reader can use his own ingenuity in devising distinctive and beautiful embelhabitsen la,

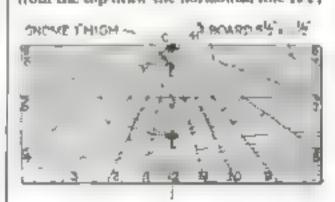
Perhaps the simplest type of similal consists of a thin sheet of metal, preferably brass, with a nail for a gnome (pointer). It may be prepared with ruler, abcars and hammer and mounted on any somble

The metal strip should be 2 or 3 m. wale and 12 m, long. Starting in the center, mark off 1-m. devisions on each sale. These represent the bour lines. The center one represents the noon or molday point

Bend the sheet metal into as perfect a half circle as possible, using a cylindrical form of some kind about 7 in, in diameter -a pot or large par of the right size will do. Nail this curved piece to a support and place a vertical gnome 31/2 in. in length on the southern ade of the noon or muldey line. The opposite end of the line must point to the north. A small pocket compan will be of authorest accuracy to determine the north.

The more usual and more accurate type of sundad requires a prelamousty drawing to be made with a ruler, protractor and compans. A dial of any size can be made.

For a dial with a 1-in, guome, your paper should be 9 by 12 m. About 5 m. from the top draw the horsiontal line XY,

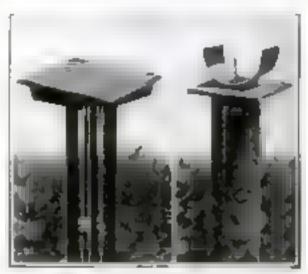


Diegrem showing how an accurate sundial is laid out with company, ruler, and

as as the layout on this page. In the center of this line a perpendicular, CL, is drawn. The gnome is to be placed at point E.

The length of the gnome is measured from point E to point F on line XY, in this instance the distance will be 1 in. The gnome may be made any length desired, but it must be laid out at this point; it cannot be enlarged, at least for this drawing, at any later time.

Take a protractor and place the center mark at point F; then mark off the num-



he making a sundial of either of those types, the builder can add ornamentation to suit

ber of degrees latitude in which your home is attanted. For New York City and its vicinity the 41-degree mark will be sufficiently close for this purpose. This factor can be determined easily from any

Draw a line from point F to the point marked off by the protractor so that it intersects line CL and mark this point C A perpendicular a line at right angles to FC -- is now exerted from line FC at point F this has intersects line CL at J. You now have a small right triangle, CFJ

THROUGH points C and J it is i paral-I lel with XY are newn. The line through C is the six-hour line, or the morning meridain, Point J is the boos or malday pomt,

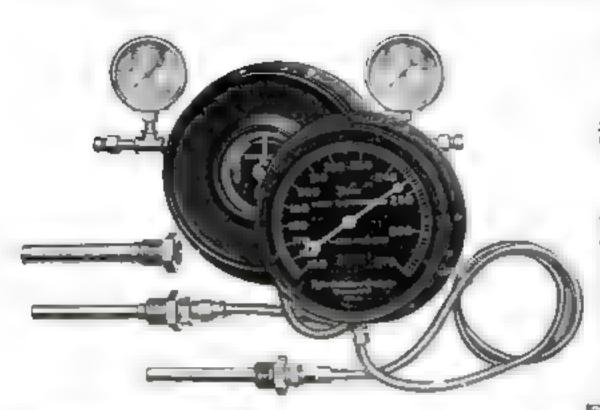
To find the position of the other hour lines on the dust, a half circle is constructed, the radius of which is the length of line FJ. First mark off this distance, FJ, from J down the line CL. Place the compan at the point of intersection (L) and draw the half circle.

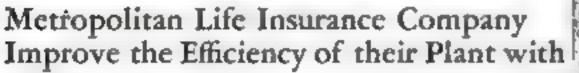
Then divide each half of the half circle into three equal parts by using the radius of the circle and marking it off on the presenterence first from point I and then from each end of the half circle. Divine each of the six segments thus obtained into two equal parts by bisecting the angle. geometrically, or find the center of each egment with a ruler, which is snapler but not so accurate.

When these twelve points have been found on the circumference of the half circle, draw dolled lines from the center of the circle through the pents to the parallel line J. Draw heavy lines from point C through the intersections on the parallel line J. These lines, which are the hour lines, may be any length.

The half and quarter hour bues are found in a similar manner by a further division of the half-circle segments.

Care must be taken to mount the dual perfectly horizontal, and the gnome vertical. The length of the ground is distance FE and its position on the dual is point E. The dial is so moved on its axis that it registers the standard time of the locality, It will always register correct sun time,







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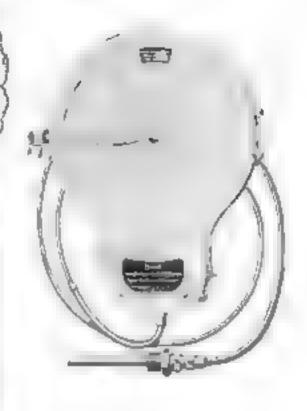
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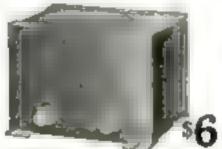
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### How to Build Neat Corner Bookcase

By S. J. CRAWLEY

THE construction of this corner bookcase is so simple that no one should have difficulty in making a similar one. Oak, if stanged dark, is an excellent would to use as it shows off the bright colors of the hadings to advantage.

The shelves fit us dados (grooves) cut in the end pieces, but 34 m. is left uncut At the front so that the dado will not show.



A merner may be furnished acceptably with a bookvase and cabinet of this simple design

Each shelf, of course, is notched at the

The other ends of the shelves are fitted as shown in the drawing, and reinforced andersenth with mending plates. Small strips are screwed on at right angles to the front of each shelf next to the legs, to prevent books from falling behind the legs.

It is advisable for the beginner, when cutting the nuters of top and shelves, to tack on small straight strips of waste would to guide the new; also in making the dados in the end pieces.

The top is put on MITTER JOINT DADOS CUT

IN LEGS How the shalves and

with angle froms so that the back edge projects enough to allow for the thickness of the baseboard and modding at the floor

Fiber wallboard (it could be plywood) covers the entire back of each

corner legs are joined

The doors are made with the usual mortise and tenon joints and the pieces are grooved 1/4 by 34 m to take the panels, which are of plywood. If no plow plane is available, the grooves can be cut at the mill when the wood is ordered. A small molding is then gived and tacked around the panels.

Strips to act as done stops are fastened made each cupboard, small blocks also are placed belond the divisions between the doors. For additional strength the abelies are braced with angle irons. Locks or ellow extehes, loose pm butt binger, and wooden knobs stained to match (or metal ones), are the necessary MARINATE.

The length of the shelves or other measurements can be chosen to suit individual needs. In this case the ends were & by 7 by 46 m, the tops % by 9 by 38, the six shelves '2 by 7 by \$554. the two legs 1 2 by 134 by 40, the doors by hy 1812 wide by 15 high, with 214 in. wide lower rada and 1% in apper rada. and stiles.

### Dining Room Server Made from an Old Reed Organ

SOME I me ago I described in Populan Science M extra y na antique china cabinet I had made from an old reed organ. I have just completed a server for the dining room to match the clum cabinet. It also was made from material from the walnut case of an old reed organ,

All of the old variesh was removed from each piece of wood as it was prepared for use in the server. I have no lathe for torough to it found the particion the two front legs already thened. However, these torned parts were not long



First trabut taken from 40 old parlor organ was used in making this serving table

enough, so I preced them out by gluing and serewing on ornamental cleats in front.

All joints used were of the mortise and tenon type and were firmly glacd. The two doors were made from scrollwork panels taken from the organ. The scrollwork was glued flat to another thus panel of wood of the same kind. By finishing the scrollwork in one tone and the ground in another, a two-tone effect was obtained.

Mier the server was assembled it was sandpapered thoroughly, given a cost of walnut stam, one of dark wood filler, and two of varmsh. The last varmsh coat was finished by rubbing with hisseed oil and pumice stone. -R E D

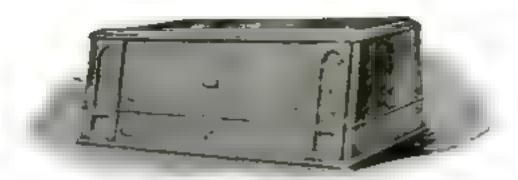


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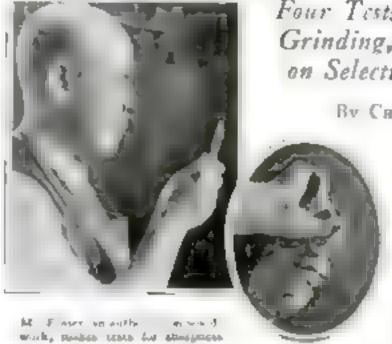
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# How to Keep Your Knife Keen



WONDER if you will take out your pocketknife, open the most used blade, and hold it vertically before you as you see me doing above. Your back should be toward a strong light.

Scan the edge carefully from tap to base. In it one long, blush, industriet line, so that that it seems more magnisery than real? Or is the edge in places quite clear and distinct, like a white her? If it is, the blade has lost its keenness. To what extent, you can judge by the width of the white line.

Test it further by drawing the ball of the thumb lightly at right angles across the edge. If you notice a alight chingout effect, the blade is sharp. If it ships over the flesh very easily, it is dult.

Next, draw the edge of the thumbonal along the blade. A sense of frection indicates that the blade is keen. If there is the most minute nick, this test will reveal it.

There is still another test—one I especially recommend your using when you buy a new knife. Take along a small hardwood block, say beech or maple, and, after picking out the style of knife you want, ask the salesman for permanon to cut a thin shaving across the end grain.

If the blade is too soft, it will bend over along the edge and a sort of hook will be felt when the thumb is drawn across one side or the other of the blade. If, on the other hand, it is too hard, small particles are upt to break off the edge, leaving it ragged. If the blade is correctly tempered, tough and hard, the edge will remain keen soon sport and undamaged.

The best of knives, however, will not long give good service unless they are kept sharp.

Deep meks should be ground out on a grandstone of an emery wheel. Four Tests for Sharpness— Grinding, Honing—Hints on Selecting Pocketknives

By CHELSEA FRABER

Lay the blade flat upon the tool rest so that the edge will come squarely against the wheel. Press lightly and draw the blade slowly and evenly back and forth scross the stone.

When you are satisfied that the edge a true, set the rest at the proper bevelug angle, or hold the krife free y in the hand at this angle, and grind down both sides, mov-

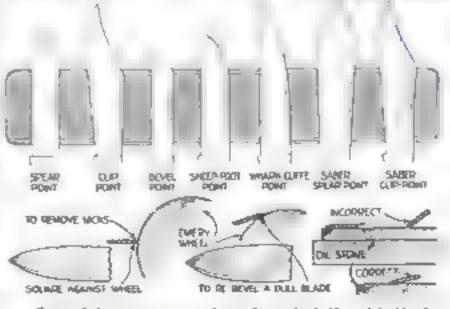
ing the blade constantly across the face of the wheel while so doing. Exert very light pressure so as not to overheat the edge. Water should be poured on a grandstone during the process, and, in the case of an ensery wheel, upon which water is never applied, the tool should be dipped frequently in water to cool it off.

Blades need to be reground only when very dull. Ordinarily it is sufficient to hone them on an infstone. Indeed, even when they have been ground, the sharpening must be finished on a stone.

Slight meks can be removed by placing the edge down squarery on the oilstone and working it back and forth. Clamp the stone in a vise or otherwise faster it down, if possible, and inbricate the surface with cleared, kerosene, or a maxture of had olive oil and had kerosene.

My method of honing is to place the islade across the center of the stone in such a way as to give the longest possible bearing upon the cutting hevel. I lay the tips of two fingers of my left hand upon the upper side of the blade and work the stone, keeping the angle so shown in the illustration below.

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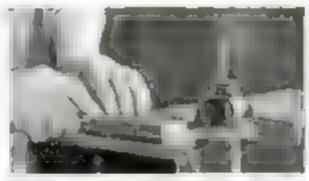
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both order of the blade, wipe off the surplus oil and test for wire edge by drawing the sides slantwise across the ball of the thumb If you have carried the homog process far enough, one or the other side will have a surt of hooked roughness where the exceedingly thin edge has been

The wire edge can be removed in two ways. One method a rough and ready one is to hone it down with lighter pressure. The other, for finer results, is to strop it off by 'wiping' the blade upon a piece of oded leather or an oded basswood block. A mechanic sometimes strops the blade on the palm of his teft hand

Oil the blades and joints lightly with a good grade of thin machine oil. Avoid cutting appear, orsages and lemons with the kade, but, if it must be done, be sore to wape the juice off with n dry cloth. If



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Incidentally, notice the uses to which you commonly put your packetknile so that when you go to buy a new one you will be able to relect the size and style of blades that will best serve your purposes.

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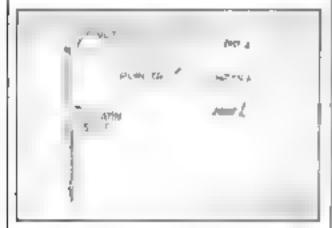
Another important consuleration is to huy a pocketknife that will open easily, yet with blades that will apring abut when about two turnes closed.

I ODINE stains may be removed from white goods by dipping in limewater that has been heated to the boiling point, and then rusing in clear water. Grease spots of animal or vegetable origin also may be removed by soaking the fabric in limewater, rinning, and washing with чар



GELATIN Like carpenter's glue, is obtained from bones and skins. The purest gelatin may be obtained from the grovery store, a harder type is employed for photography and may be purchased in stores handing photographic supplies.

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The lower end of the strip is punned to the wall. The upper end is folded over a tion wire by making a tiny fold in the strip, mostlening it, looping the wire, and bringing the ford over the wire. But before this is done, the wire must be bent into a tiny stop by or by in, from the gelatin. A pin is driven through this loop into the wall to act as a pivot.

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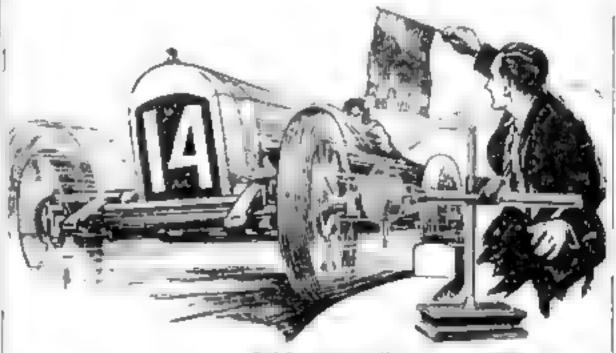
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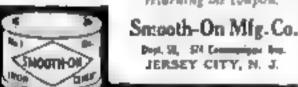
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# A Real "Rise-and-Fly" Model

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derearriage Q full size on a board and drive nails around the outline. Soak the reed in water, put it in the form, and dry in an oven. Do not get the reed too hot or

it will become brittle.

The undercurrage is attached to the fuselage with small brads pointed at both ends. One end is driven into the longerons, and the undercarriage ends are forced onto the projecting points. The ends of the undercarriage struts should be reinforced by being bound, as also should the longerous at the points where the undercarriage struts are fastened. The fastening of the undervarrage is completed by passing a piece of wire. R. about 48 gage brans, through a hole drilled near the ends of the atruts, brunging it around the longerons, and twisting the ends lightly. Put a drop of glue on the end of each strut as you fasten it to the fuscinge.

THE axle, P, made from 1/2 in. diam-I eter piano wire, should hold the wheels 5 in, apart. The wheels are kept from slipping off by curling the ends of the wire into small loops. The wheels Y are I in, in diameter and by in thick, of three-ply basewood veneering. The axle is bound to the undercarriage struts with

silk thread and glued.

The tail wing or horizontal stabiliter has a rear spar, 6. of white pure  $g_i$  by  $A_k$ by 18 m. It should be bound at the ends to prevent splitting. The leading edge H is of 34 in, dismeter reed, 14 in, long. Thus also should be bound at the ends. Drave a small brad through the reed near the end and then force the brad into the end grain of the space The rib. J in bamboo la by 34 by 4 m. It is not curved as the tail must be flat. The covering will hold it accurely. Make certain the rib is in the center to assure symmetry.

The main wing last eleven bamboo ribs D 14 by 14 in. in cross section It is 0.15 in, wide at the center and 3 in, wide at the tips. The wing span is 36 in. The center rib has very bittle curve as it must not interfere too much with the rubber. The rits having the greatest curve are those on each aide of the center rib, the curve then lessens gradually with each succeeding rib and the trp rib has very little curve. It is well to draw a plan view of the full wing use before starting to assemble it.

The front spar is straight in plan view and the rear spar swoops forward to make the taper in the wing. The spars C are straught grained white pine, a scant 1/4 in.

by 1/2 m. m cross section.

To obtain the bend at the center of the rear spar (the spar runs straight from the center bend to the ends), heat it over a candle, but be careful not to char or crack the wood. The wing spars should be sandpapered and the corners slightly rounded

After the spars are completed, the rib locations are marked and the curved ribs are bound in place with silk thread, many

a drop of glue under each rib. About five Wraps of allk thread each way on each end are sufficient. Before the glue dries at the joints, twist the frame this way and that al ghtly to get the warp out and make sure the rile are crossing the frunt spar at

right angles.

The main wing and the tail wing are covered on the top side only the nidder is covered on both sides (U, V, W). The covering can be glued to the feames, but glac to heavy. A lighter job can be obtained by using nitrate dope or banihou varush. Cut the mik covering so there is about 1/4 in, margin all around the frame-Scient glue lightly or nitrate dope or bamboo varnush heavily over the parts of the frame where the silk is to come into contact. Lay the silk on the frame and amouth out the wrinkles. After the mikhas dried in place on the frame, give it a coat of nitrate dope, brushing very lightly, or if you use bamboo varnah, apply it somewhat more freely

White the tail wing is drying lay weights on it to keep it flat. The masn wing, however, must have a dihedral angle. As the varnish dries and the silk draws up, the wing will assume its own dihedral. This must be controlled though, by laying a weight on the center to keep it flat against the table. Now how keach tip of the front. spar up 4 m. off the table and each tip of the rear spar \$ 13, off the table. The front spar must have a greater dihedral than the rear spar Let the surface dry thoroughly overaight before removing from blocks. After the wongs and the surfaces are dry trim off the margin with

a sharp kinfe.

The last and most important part to be made is the propeller, K. It is carved from a soft white pine block 34 by 134 by It in. Make a paper pattern and then draw a line around it to mark the hank outline on the block. Cut with a knife along the outline to form the blank.

BFFORE starting the actual carving a drilled in the exact center of the blank The blades should be concave on the back and convex on the front side. The contour of the cross section is such that it resembles a wing curve. The propeller when finished should be light, true and amonth. Sandpaper it and balance carefully so it will not vibrate when running. To rem force against splitting, cover the blades with silk from the tips to about half way

The propeller, fuselage and undercarriage should be varnished with nitrate

dope or banthoo varnish.

The propeller shaft N is piano wire 🕍 in in diameter. Put the shaft through the hole, bend it over and force the end into the wood at the hub.

Place several washers on the shaft at the back of the propeller to keep it about 34 up. from the end (Continued on page 95)

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### A "Rise-and-Fly" Model

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of the bearing. Run the shaft through the bearing and turn into a book. An S-hook (T) should be made of puno were to hook into the eye of the rear hook, so that the rubber may be attached.

Thus model requires from twelve to fourteen strands of 14-an. flat Para rubber

for the motor.

The tail fasters to the under side of the fuselage, with the round edge to the front and the covered ade up. It is held to piace by looping a rubber hand over the fuselage and under the tail. The main wing is held the same way with a rubber band, it goes, however, on top of the fuselage, but under the rubber motor

TO FLY the model, place the main wing along the fuselage with the front spar about 10 m, from the propeller Wind the propeller about 100 times. Hold the machine above your head in one hand. and the tip of the propeller in the other. Cast the model from you in level flight with the wing. Should the machine dive to the ground, move the wing forward a trifle if it alloofs up, stads and then fitten, move the wing back sightly. After a few trials you will find the proper adjudment.

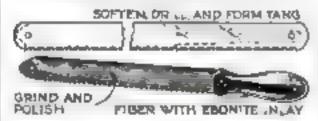
Make the first trials when there is very little wind. After you learn the machine you can get perfect flights even on very windy days. To wind the nucline uptightly, was a units there is a double row of

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To make a rise off the ground flight, wind up fully and set the model on a fairly amouth meface where it can run along five or six feet.

You will find that the work of making a model of Mr. Sunch's design will be much easier if you obtain Home Workshop Blueprint No. 50, in which is incorporated all the essential details, a full size plan of half the wing, a full eize detail of the propeller, and a complotely itemized bill of materials. These are based upon drawings made under Mr. Bunch's own direction, and can be obtained for 25 cents from the Blueprint Service Department. puge 105

### Bread Knife Made From Saw



N EXCELLENT bread saw-better A then usually can be purchased can be made from an old power backsaw blade. Grand the blade on both ades to make the toothed edge about 16 m. thick, and shape the end as shown. The hole does for hanging it up. Soften the other end, taking precautions not to draw the temper of what is to be the blade, and drill and gread it to fit the handle, which may be hardwood or fiber, mlaid with ebonite Buff and polish F H. TAYLOR.



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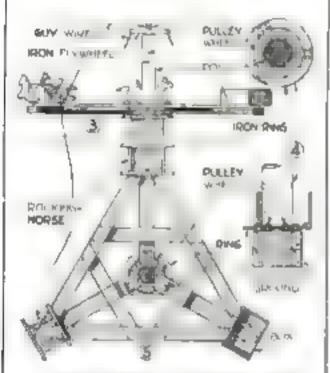
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were mounted on a wooden framework which was made in the form of a square and mailed firmly to the base of the pole (Fig. 4). Large nails were driven through the pulleys into the frame, a washer being placed under each pulley. Plenty of axle grease was apread about the ring.

At the top of the pole was mounted a heavy from balance wheel from an old hay cutter, from which guy wires descended

to the platform,

The details of this platform are shown in Fig. 5. It was triangular in shape and made of 8-un boards, the triangle being perhaps B ft. on a side. In one end of each of the three boards running to the points. of the triangle, a slot was cut to ship over one of the legs riveted to the ring. Three



Partial elevation and a plan view of a small merry gu-round, details of the roller bearings

crompreses were used to hold the dotted ends of these boards in place, as shown. My recollection as that the two rockinghorses and the box were held in place with small angle irons and acrews,

If you make a merry go-round such as thus, it may be painted with bright colors. the wheel at the top gilded, and flags and biniting draped about, and a phonograph

used for the "organ.

Many years later I used the same plan to make a much larger merry-go-round for our annual festival. It was quite a grand uffur. Three wooden animals, elephant, ontrich, and donkey, and three boatlike cars were mounted on a rice lar ptatform. the whole being painted with the bright colors dear to children, and there were flashing interers made of the tin disks used for roofing-paper, gay flags, and tinsel. A mail order hand organ furnishes the music.

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# Dressing Up an Old Fireplace

How to Replace Dilapidated Brickwork and Lay an Ornamental Hearth of Tiles

By E. E. Scott

ALCH has been said and written about a fireplace being the center of the home. Few modern small houses are built without one, but in the case of dwellings built on a speculative basis, the fireplace is frequently made of common or second quality brack of poor appearance. The hearth, too, is rarely of real tile it is usually cement or common bricks. Poorly made cement hearths are ant to crack and brick hearths become discolored.

A fireplace of the cheap variety, shown in one of the views below, was re-faced with tapestry brick at a cost of eleven dollars.

The first step in such a job is to take off the mantel. The old facing bricks are readily removed by holding a cold church against the mortar seam and striking it a smart blow. If the hearth is of common brick, the same method may be followed, but if it is of cement, it should be broken up with a sledge hummer or the back of

The facing should be replaced first. If a rectangular opening is desired, a frame of two by fours like that illustrated on page 00 should be built. If an arch w preferred, the upper part must be built up in the curve required. This is done by

culting two 1-m. hopeds to the corcort curve, fasten. then to the top . A super was be from part then made ring I hay follow he are mentes pullings limit support of green

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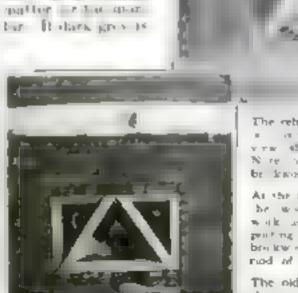


wanted, kampblack may be used and obtained from a hardware store, but regular mortar colors are preferable if they can be obtained in a small enough quantity

The mortar should be two parts sand and one part cement with sufficient line added to make the mature appear sticky. About 1 lb. to a bucket of mortar a I be sufficient. The lime first abould be shaked by placing it is a pan with mill-

> event water to make a paste when the a assugable a cruses I is poste should be stirres into the mor-

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The old fireplace is alumn at the right The bracks are of common qual- y and the hearth is cracked



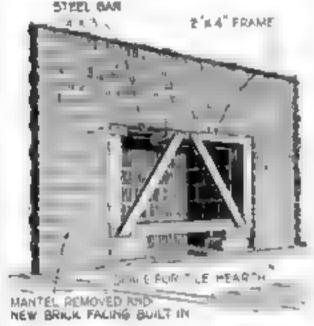
### Dressing Up a Fireplace

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vertically at more or less frequent intervals. The mortar seam should be 👣 in, wide. Foresight is necessary to obtain a symmetrical line-up of brick and a sketch should be made beforehand, if the builder is uncertain on this point. The mortar ioints should be "slicked 'after three or four courses have been laid.

If a straight line opening is selected. the top shound be supported with a piece of cold rolled steel 54 by Cor 3 in and long enough to extend between the brack on each sate of the arch about 10 m. It should be set back as far as possible from the front edge of the brick.

When the fireplace is completely faced with brick, a bed of three to one cement mortar should be prepared to receive the



The face bricks were built up over 4 frame and reinforced at opening with a steel bar

tile. The coment and and should be mixed dry and then as little water as possible added. The mortar should be leveled excefully and built up to within ¾ m, of the expected height of the finished. pob. This will allow for a thickness of 14 m, for the tile and 14 in, for the fresh mortar in which they are to be set.

For comenting the tile use a mixture of clear cement and water to which enough Line paste has been added to give a striable consistency. The maxime should be just sticky enough to enable it to ching to the tile when held with the cement on the under side.

The space for the hearth should be measured and the allowable width of the coment joint computed, depending on whether 414 or 6-m, tiles are to be used. Spread a layer of cement on the bottom and edges of a tile and press it in place in one corner of the hearth. After three or four have been had level them up, and as the work continues, check frequently

When the mantel has been replaced and the brick and tile cleaned, rub the tile with a solution made of half linseed oil and half turpentine or gasoline. This will bring out their color. The tile should be allowed to set about forty-eight hours before being cleaned or walked on. A scrubbing with dilute hydrochlone acid will remove all traces of surplus cement.

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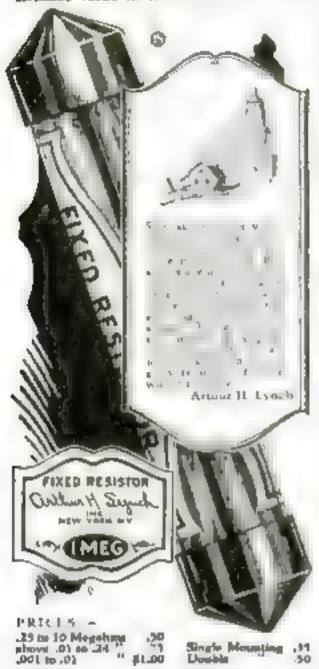






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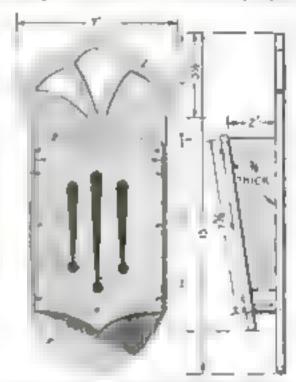
### Artistic Wooden Mail Boxes

By W. W. WHITE

CHEAP tin letter boxes have little to recommend them. They are almost as out of place on a house as an old eight box; the sheet metal soon becomes maty and is also apt to cut the hands. Letter carnera, furthermore, do not like the usual type of box that has a lid, which is awkward to raise when one hand is occupied with a package of letters.

It is a simple matter to make an attractive wooden letter box. The architecture of the house should be considered in designing the box so that it will blend into the scheme of decoration without attracting undue attention, and the spot where it is to be hung also should be determined.

Dimensions that have proven satisfactory are shown in the accompanying



While there is much lowery in making this type of box, these disacts one have proved untafactory

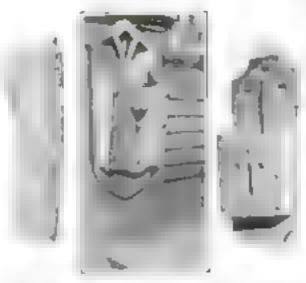


The front part is placed correctly by preming it against nail points projecting through the back

drawing. One half of the design is drawn on a mece of paper, folded vertically on the center line, and cut out. This is used in laying out the wood, which should be soft and about 36 m. thick.

The pierced work may be done with a coping saw. The sides may be laxl. out economically by marking them alongside each other, one with the 1-in, end up and the other with the 2-in end up, so that a single out will separate them.

he assembling, start the nails through from the back, allowing them to extend a short way. The front and sides, already nailed together, may then be pressed down on these nail points in their exact. position. They will remain in position



Two types of attractive wooden letter butes and the super pattern for the back of one of them

while the box is being turned on its face. and the nails driven home.

If the nails through the front have been carefully spaced, the heads may be covered by driving upholstering tacks bende them. This adds a touch of beauty and saves the trouble of anking and puttying the nan heads.

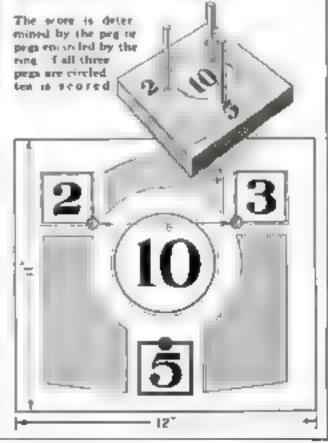
A privated lid, of course, may be added. if desired, and with a little ingeninty the box made relatively waterlight

A strip of spring brass may be fastened. near the top to provide a chp to hold outgoing mad.

The complete letter box should be painted either the body or trimining color of the house whenever possible.

### How to Construct a Ring-Toss Game of Novel Design

RING games are always popular, and that illustrated below is more interesting than usual. The pegs are 1/2-indowels 3 m, high, set in a base 34 by 11 by 12 th. The rings are 9 m in diameter and may be rubber light rope, or heavy cardhourd - DONALD W CLAIR



### **Dump Truck Saves Money** for the Grain Farmer

By J R KOONTZ

HARDLY one out of ten of the trucks owned and operated by farmers is made so that the grain box can be dumped. The lend must be scooped off a long and back-breaking job. Let a dompaigbux can be made at small cost to fit any truck frame.

The chief reason the grain farmer makes a heavy investment in a matertruck is so that he can boul the grain quickly to market when the price is right. But even with the use of the truck, the loading and unloading consume as much time as with the grain wagon method, unless you have a truck box that can be dumped. In most of the elevators, shipping stations and mills, there are bosting devices for damping the load.

The majority of trucks are so made that you can hinge the box to the rear end of



A form truck with large homemade grain but that can be emptied quickly by dumping

the main frame. If your truck does not have a steel crosspiece at the rear, you will have to boit a heavy fron piece arrows.

You will need a pair of very heavy hanges. These can be made from flat from In the or more in thickness and 2 or 3 m in width. Cut four pieces 7 or 8 in, long. and have a ring bent at one end of each large enough to take a rod of 34 or 1 an. round tron. Have two 16-in holes deilled in the flat end of each of the four pieces.

Two of these pieces are fastened with 14-in. bolts to the rear bar of the main frame of the truck. The others are bolted to a crosspiece on the bottom of the truck box, as shown on the following page. Shp the round rod through the eyes of the four pieces and lasten it with a cotter pin

through each end Have a piece of flat from at least 36 in. thick and 3 in, wide bent to the shape indicated for the front and of the box. The length of this piece is determined by the width of the box. When the box in down on the frame all around, this piece must fit snugly in between the two side members of the main frame of the truck. It keeps the box in position when down. prevents it from slipping to one side or the other, and saves the hinges from undue aide strains. The piece should be bolted securely to the bottom of the box 12 or 14 in, from the hinge. Another piece of iron of the same one must be made similarly to fit enugly in (Continued on page 10%)

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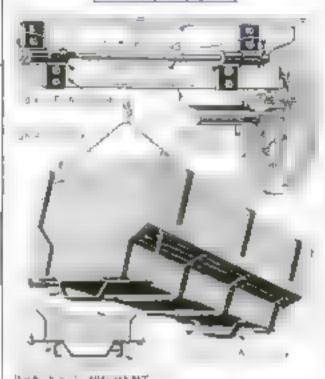


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How the heavy flat-sron hinges and body braces are made for an ordinary motor truck

between the main frame 6 in, from the front end of the hos. This piece should extend 2 in beyond the lower end of the box on both sides. It should have three holes drelled in each end for \$1000, bolts. Place large washers under the heads of these holts to prevent their pulling through the wood bottom of the box,

Within I 1/4 in of each end of the same piece, drill a by us, hole and have a ring of their round from placed through each Have the smath weld the rings together

The bends in both these crosspicers should be at least 0 m. in depth if there is nothing on the frame to prevent them from going down that far. It is important of course, to have the ironwork made of good material fully as large as described, and securely bolted, as the strain is considerable upon all members.

When unloading, simply book the cliams of the hoist into the rings of the bar at the front end and bout the box.

If you are in a rough and fully country. it would be best to fasten the front end of the box to the main frame by passing a chain through the rings on each side

### Marking Gage for Small Work

SMALL mark-A mg gage for setting butt hinger and for delicate cabinetmaking can be made as shown from a block 134 by 2 by 314 m., two 114-in. lengths of 16-in. dowela, three sheet steel scriber points. un angular gunde masie from sheetiron ¼ by 1¼ by ?



in, and seven wood screws. One scriber point is fastened to each dowel and one is set into the block near the angular guide.—W. J E.

### The Magic of Lacquering

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seats of the chairs were given an extragood scrubbing, rinsed with the vinegar water, and set out in the sun to dry. Meanwhile we washed the floor, using as little water as possible, yet enough to do a good job and make sure that not a trace of dirt or grease remained.

Then I had Dan rub all rough spots on the chair frames with 00 sandpaper. After that he used a small, soft bristie pennit brush to apply the jade green lacquer to the metal euphoazd catches, to which it stuck and flowed out smoothly

THE same lacquer was applied to the kitchen doors. I was anxious to know how at would act on this kind of surfaceone of the severest tests we could give a brushing lacquer and later be able to study the wearing properties under the worst possible conditions. Nothing is barder on a finish than constant handling and contact with acid perspiration. The knobs, too, were covered easily and amouthly. Dan found that quick, circufar strokes with a full brush were necesmary for best results.

By this time the chairs were dry. After dusting them off carefully, I showed Dan how to turn a chair upode down and use a 156-in. Sich brush to apply the pale ivory lacquer, using a stroke around the lege and stretchers and finishing each member completely before starting the next. Then we stood the chair upright and finished the cross slats. Last of all we applied a coat of rich brown larquer. to the woven scat.

By placing his hand, palm up, beneath the chair, Dan was able to lift it down from the table and set it out of the way without touching the fresh incquer.

WHEN all of the chairs were lacquered with the pale ivory, I showed Dan how to use the 5g-in, striping brush to run in the small green bands on the legs, and later he did the top knobs. Of enume, he had to be very careful not to allow the green lacquer to lap over on the pale ivery. Everything had to look clean-out and sharp.

When it came to inequering the small breakfast mom table, we laid some newspapers down on the kitchen worktable (made from a discarded office desk and previously refinished in enamel) and stood it up so that the leg frames could be done first in pale ivory lacquer, and the foot rail in a deep brown incquer to

match the chair scata.

This completed, the table was lifted down to the floor and the bequer brushed on the short way of the top with a very wet brush and as few brushing motions as possible. Dan found that the best results were obtained by starting his first stroke parallel to the end of the table and working toward the edge in short strokes of 8 or 10 m. in such a manner that the brush was lifted off the wet surface at the end of each stroke, thereby avoiding any "stop mark" in the freshly applied lacquer (l'astraurd on page 104)





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### The Magic of Lacquering

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While we were at it, I touched up the handles of the worktable with jade green to being it in harmony with the other furnitare.

"This is the easiest type of refinishing I have done yet - remarked Danwould be much harder if the furniture was hadly cracked in places and there was a kit of natching to be done

"Cracks and holes can be filled with putty," I said, ' but the putty should be as free from oil as possible. A good combination is about one third white lead paste, or dry white lead, and two thirds whiting made into a stiff putty with japan drier. Such a putty will dry hard in a short time, which is most desirable, and will have a minimum amount of oil. A prepared lacquer putty can be obtained in some paint stores.

The kitchen floor was our next undertaking. I started the work in one corner, using a 5 in, brush full of gray larquer.

Don't cover a walth of more than two or three boards "I told Dan, who was watching. "Apply the lacquer in the same direction as the beards run and brush from the unfinished to the fresh work, letting your brush lift up at the end of the stroke so as to 'feather out' the brush marks, Don't make any back and forth strokes at all, or the brush strokes will show

N took the brush and soon had that side of the room done, after which I had him go over to the opposite half in order to 'cut in back and under the stove. With this done, he had a streak of 4 or 5 ft. down the center of the room, from the choing room door to the back porch entrance.

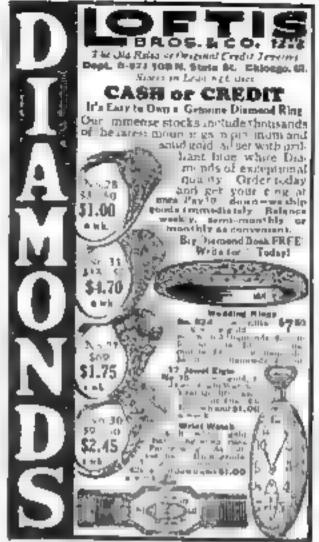
By starting at the dining moin side of the room. Dan was able to work across the room to the outside door -a good was 'not to paint oneself into a corner, as he expressed it.

All done, mother " Dan finally reported to Mrs. McChesney

"Well if I had not seen it with nev own eves. I could never have believed it' 'she exclaimed. \*Tomorrow is Sunday, with my sister coming to dinner, and I can have my kitchen and floor spie and span. Why, bless me, these chairs are hard already! Tis a grand job you have, Mr. Waring, making things easier for us bousekeepers. I believe any woman could do a good job with this lacquer. My, oh. my! Just think of the time it will save us, having our kitchen and chairs back in use so quickly

And, judging by the quantity and quality of doughnuts she has since sent over to the laboratory, her delight in the appearance of her kitchen is going to last just as long as the beauty of the brush lacquered surfaces -at least, we hope so, for that will be a very long time indeed.

Another noteworthy article on finishing by Mr. Waring, who is a consulting chemical engineer, will appear in an early issue. Next month there will be an article on the ten questions paint dealers are asked most frequently.



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# By PAUL von BOECKMANN

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Third Stage: Serious mental disturbances; fear; undue weery; melancholus; dangerous organic disturbances; suicidal tendencies, and in extreme cases, resently

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# The Shipshape Home

# Paint Makes a Kitchen Cheerful

How you can transform it into one of the brightest and pleasantest rooms in the house

By BERTON ELLIOT

Parating and Decorating Expert

WE WANT to get some expert painting advice," and Mrs. Andrews, confid-

night, as she and Mr. Andrews, neighbogs of ones, seated themselves in comfortable chars on our front porch.

Well, what are you thinking of doing now?" I asked.

"It's the kitchen My mere was out to our house the other day and told me how prettily they had fixed their kitches. "A perfect dream," she said. I knew you emild tell me how to make miss look as neal and pretty as any kitchen ever looked. John is going to do the heavy work, and I am going to do the bossing.

"A pieusant prospect for John" 1 remarked, but, estrhoug

was reconciled to be undertaking and, apparent ly, an eager as Mrs. Ambrews to find out the ! best way of deeorating their ki tehen.

"Well, let's ecc." I continued "The woodwork in vone kitchen in old fashioned Georgia pine. isn t it? And the walls are us green paint

"Suppose you make the color scheme grav and yellow gray enamel for the woodwork. This will be a most practical color and will not be nearly so hard to keep clean as white or the light ivories or exemus sometimes used. And yellow coansel for the walls. We could do them in flat wall point but enamel, which dries to a porcelambke smoothness, is so much less a diet enteber, and can be so easily cleaned, that I am sure you will like it much better for the kitchen, where

your father put on several vears ago.

and deposits from cooking. "We'll make the yellow a sunny shade hordering on buff, which will flood the room with cheer and sunshine and do the woodwork in a two-tone effect; a next. medium-dark shade for the wainscoting and the predominating color on doors and

the walls are subjected to greasy fumes

woodwork, trimmed with a lighter Freigh gray You'll larve one of the prettiest effects

you ever saw in a kitchen. "That wid be great," said Mrs. Andrews, as I paused momentarily

Now, as to the 'mechanics' of the job. ' I continued, "the first step is to wash the walls and woodwork thoroughly with soan and water. Then ruse with clear water to remove the soapy deposits. After thus, go over the surface with a cloth saturated with kerosene, to citt any remaining grease, which is always a fatal enemy to good results in pariting.

"You had better do the walls first, and, of course, commence with the certa g and

work down The cening, by the way, should be the same calor as the walls, Two coats phould give you a good job. Anthemia face has previourly been parated, it will not be necessury to use since in the first coal. · Just if it limit been base plas-

ter, the first cost would have to be half size and half passet in order to seal the absorbent planter. In

case there are any cracks, they should be filled with patching plaster or a mixture of plaster of pure and paint.

"The first cont should be ball enamel and balf undercoater or flat wall point Enamel is so transparer t that the more solid covering paint is needed in the first cost to provide a suitable foundation for the final finishing coat. Forty-eight heurs should be allowed for drying, and, if the job does not look first class after two coats have been applied, put on another one of full enamel.

"Don't be surprised if the enamel coat pulls hard under the brash. Enamel always works gather hard, but when applied with a small brush, as ordinarily used on woodwork or furniture, you don't notice rt much. When put on with a big wall brush, however, you will get some good what exercise. (Continued on page 107)



Gray control for woodwork, pollow for watte

# Le Shipshape Home

## Painting Your Kitchen

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"When the walls are done, start the woodwork. Of course, you could firstcoat the woodwork before you put the final coat on the wall, if you wested, and perhaps it would be better, as you wouldn't have to be so careful about

ngara ng onto the walls.

'Having previously washed the woodwork, now mandpaper it with 8 or 80 sandpaper to cut the gloss of the old varnish coating. Then dust off loose sand partienes. For the first coat, apply half enamel and half undercoater or flat wall trant of a gray color as nearly a match as you can get to the color of your gray e samel. Allow forty-eight hours for deving, then sandpaper and dust. Apply the next coat, straight coarsel. Two coats should be enough for a gray enginel job. ar you can do a colored job with less coats that if you were using more deheate. and lighter tones.

"HOWEVER if you do not get a good-looking friesh with two coats on account of respensive or tofavorable conditions of the surface, sandpaper the surface and apply another cost. And here is another thing to keep in initial. Let the wast parat dry thoroughly before starting acy painting on the woodwork. Then if you damb any of the woodwork enamel onto the wall, it can easily be writed off with a costs saturated with gosoune, hirpertine or bearing.

" For the trun color Lighten some of the gray charnel with white ceither oil color or white coainel. Or you might find rist the shade of French gray you want for the trim tone, and darken a batch for the darker shade with lampblack oil color or

back enamel

"You w I, need a four a ch wall brush for the wals, and about a two and a half meli enamel prosh for the woodwork. It might also pay to have a half-meb beash. for getting uito cerners and small places. doing the edge of the woodwork where it joins the wall, doing the trim tone, and the like. An experienced painter would not need this bittle brook, but one is a big help to the simutear painter. And that a really about ad there is to it. Mrs. Andrews:

"I think it will be a very interesting undertaking," abe replied, radiant with

enthusaum.

"YES, but you may feel discouraged about the time you are half through with the first cont. First-cont work by the mexperienced, especially over previously variashed woodwork, usually looks 'terrible. But after the first cont, you will stead by see the room grow more beau-Lful as you go along, and your interest will be unbounded. You will probably find it takes three coats, but your personal interest and carefulness will offset the painter's expenence, and you will have a real job when you get through.

"And then there are the pipes, the under part of the sink, and so on. Of course, they can always be finished with Blumbum paint (Continued on page 10st



# The Telephone and the Farm

THERE was not a farmer in the world fifty years ago who could talk even to his nearest neighbor by telephone. Not one who could telephone to the doctor in case of sickness or accident. Not one who could telephone for the weather report or call the city for the latest quotations on his crops. Not one who could sell what he raised or buy what he needed by telephone. A neighborly chat over the wire was an impossibility for the farmer's wife or children.

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and look quite all right. But, located as they are in your case next to the wall, I thank you would like them better if done in the yellow wall color. You can paint them with the same material you put on the walls-g couple of conts.

"The under part of the sink would probably look a little better in white, but it is almost out of sight anyway, and either the gray or yellow enamel would kook very well. Regular enamel underconter or flat wall paint can be used satisfactorily on metal surfaces, followed by a finishing coat of either flat wall paint or enamed in the desired color.

"Brend box, coffee, ten, sugar and space boxes can be done in yellow enamel, decorated with trainder or stened designs. Broom, brush and dustless mop handles. as well as dustpan and crumb tray, can also he done in the same color scheme. That shelf in the corner can be utured for a bowl of yellow flowers, or a yellow Sowering plant Curtains in ecro, or in white with yellow checked ginglam drapes and valance will tone in with the whene You'll think of some other things, too, as you go along.

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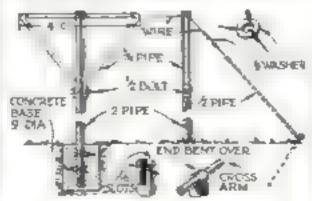
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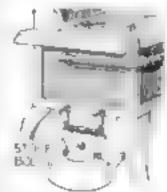
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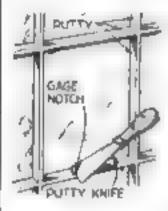


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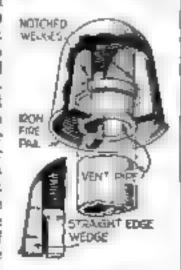
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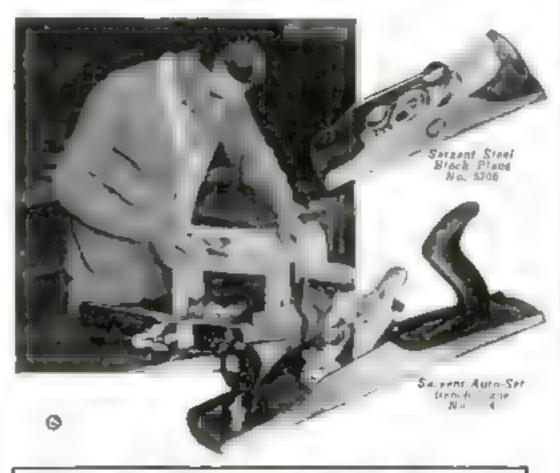
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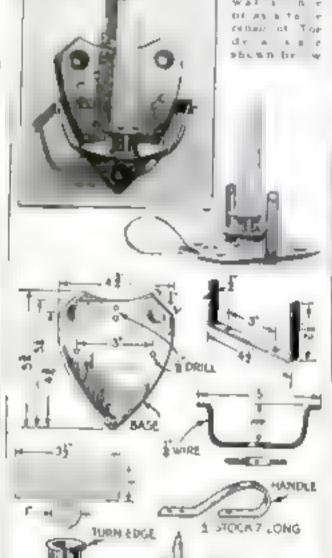
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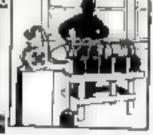
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Place the steel flat and, beginning in the center, rub the magnet on the steel toward one end, as illustrated. Lift the pagnet, place on the center of the steel and rub again. Do this about ten times. Then take the other pole of the magnet that is, the opposite side of the horseshoe, and rub the other had of the steel in the same way. Repeat Dr's process until the steel has become authority magnetic

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Shape the metal and then wind a piece. of string over the steel for about one third of its length at each end. Over this place a paece of paper. Now take some double cotton covered wire such as in used for ractio, any gage from 62 to 28, and wind four layers at each end. The length of early evel should not exceed one lifth the length of the steel.

Bush coils are made from one length of wire. If it is a bar, the windings go in the same direction if a horseshoe, the wordings go in the same direction, but that requires the first coil to be wound in one direction and the other coil in the oppoaile was .

Cover the turns with melted paraffin or wax, at the same time use sufficient wax to hald the cor in pance on a board if the metal is bent into a horseshoe. Remove the string so that the coils will sup eacly along the metal.

Connecting one end of the wire to the battery insert the steel in the coals, close the care rit, and very slowly push the metal. into the co is as far as the center of the metal. It makes no difference, of course, warther the cora or steel is moved. Open the circuit, that is, disconnect one terininal from the battery, and take the metal out of the cod. Repeat the process thirty or forty times. By that time the steel will have all the magnetism it can retain -H E B



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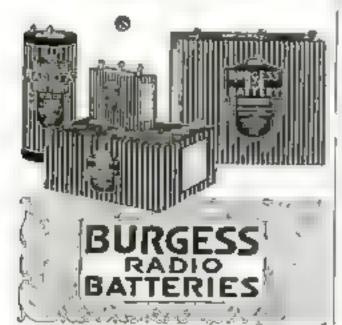
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By H. J. MACDONALD

New York Mulutary Academy

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After the base, which is \$4 by 114 by 11 4 m., is squared to size, mark out the mortises for the posts. With the marking gage draw a line around the front and

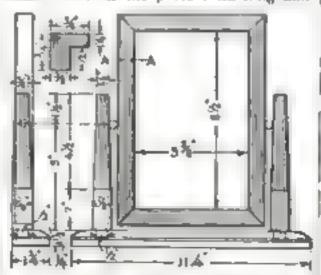
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Draw a later 4s in from the front and ends on the top of the have

An excellent frame for photos or colored prints

Place the base in a with a penel vise and with a half sheet of No. 1 sandpaper torn lengthwise, and the curve, his building the madpaper in both hands and pulling it across the wood with a rolling motion. Do the same at the ends. Then finish with No. 00 andpaper. Be sure that the front curve meets the end one at

The posts may be made at once out of n piece 16 in. square and 14 ly in. long After the ends have been squared, mark a line all around 415 in, from each end On each end, using a marker g gage, draw a \$500 square and cun the lines to the Pyrin, lane. Then plane down to them. Cut off the posts 7 in, long and



Working details of the stand. The frame can be made from any moltang of simple dange

cut a 15-in tenon at the ends. Finally cut. the mortises in the base.

The frame may be purchased or made from picture frame molding about 3, in. square, which can either be bought or made. A 5-ft. length will be required. The corners are cut at a miter and gloed and maked.

The decorative beads on the swivels are made from 1, m. square stock. First drill the hole to fit a No. 4 screw and then make each piece round in the hand with sandpaper. The frame swivels on a 1 m. No. 4 flathead screw, which is countersunk in the post and goes through the rabbet of the frame.



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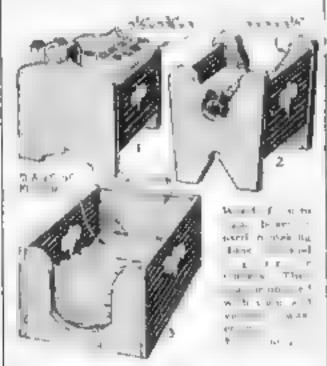
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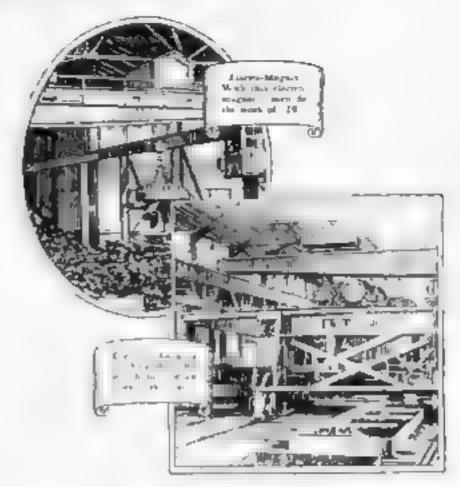
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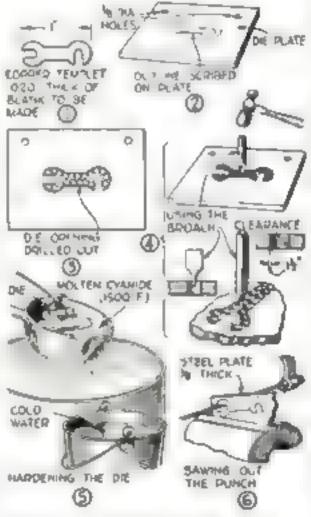
# Hints on Preparing Simple Dies for **Small Parts**

By D. A. ROCERS

Instructor in Machine Shop Practice, L uncertary of Manuerola

SHOPS engaged in experimental work as well as amateur mechanics, sometunes face the problem of making a numher of small sheet metal parts by hand The number is usually not sufficient to warrant making punches and dies, although they would be desirable from many points of view, and would lead to improve the appearance of the machines or devices under construction and maure the interchangeability of the parts.

With these needs in mind, the details of making a most mexpensive temporary



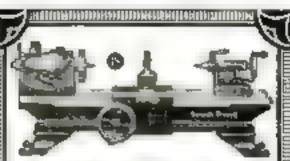
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Let us assume that the die is to be made to produce the blank in Fig. 1, and that there is no sample. The first thing to be done is to make a templet by hand to the exact dimensions, or, if the shape permits, the outline may be laid off directly on the die.

Having made the templet, select a piece of lam cold rolled steel, in this case about 11/4 by 2 in. The top side should be polished with fine emery cloth and blued by heating over a flame. The templet is clamped at about the center of the die in order to mark the outline with a sharp scriber (Fig. 2).

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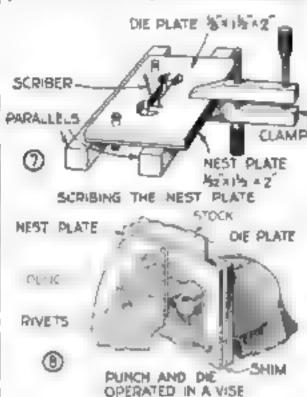
## Preparing Simple Dies

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the die, or as much of it as possible, is deilled out (Fig. 3); the hurrs are removed. then the webs between the holes are cut out with a broach (Fig. 4). This somewhat resembles a chisel, but is driven into the die from the top half way through while the die rests on an anvil, after which the die is turned over and the other side out theongh.

The die opening then is carefully filed to the line, after which the bottom side is filed a trifle larger than the top: this clearnnce usually in 11/2 deg. Two 31-in holes are drilled in the die to hold a nest or guide, and the die is ready to be hardened

This is done with eyanide of potassium or some prepared casenardening to ne pound. The die may be heated in the fire



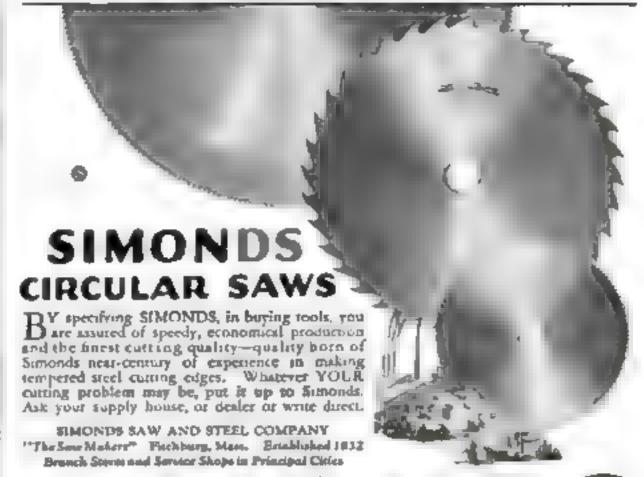
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until it is a bright red and the powdered eya ade a, cirkard on and allowed to melt, a after which the the wrehealed to a bright red and quenched in clean cold water. A actter way (Fig. 5) is to melt a quantity of exacute in a small ladle and heat it to about 1,000 deg. F. The die is immersed. in this at the end of a wire for about twenty minutes, when it is quenched as before. Those not familiar with eyanide are enutioned that it is a very deadly poison the fumer must not be inhaled. and the bucket in which the die is quenetied should not be used for washing

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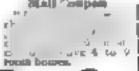
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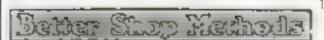
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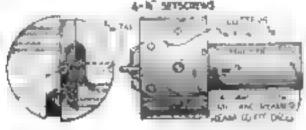
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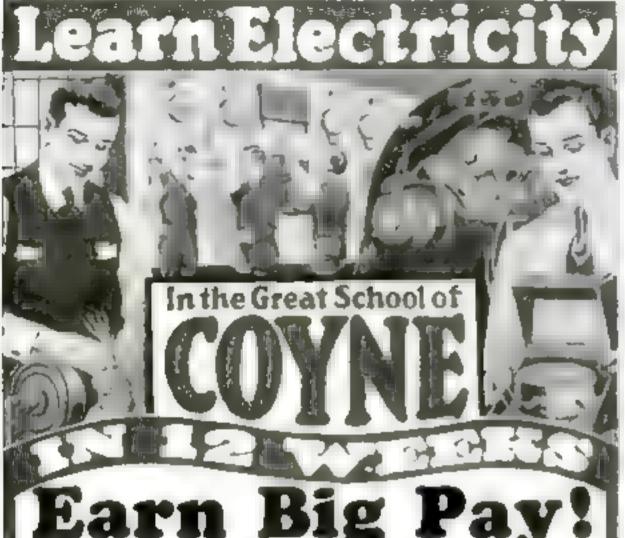
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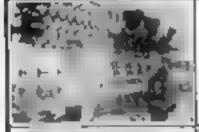
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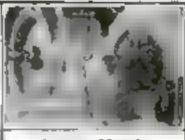
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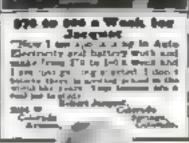


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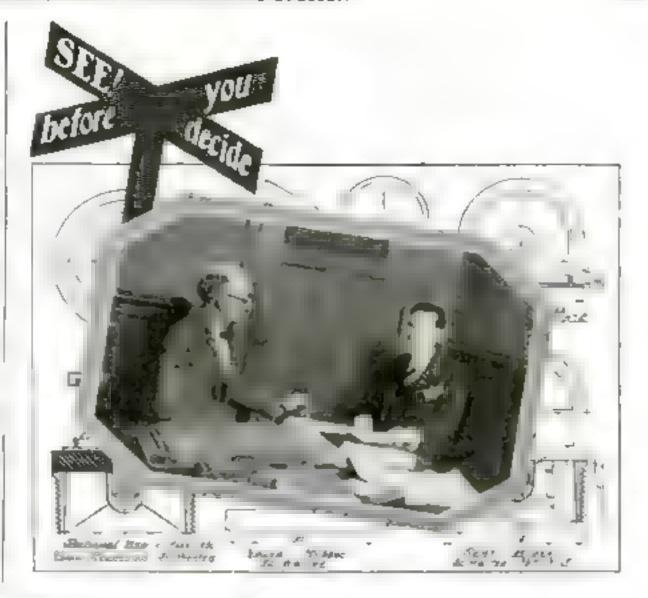
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## Squaring Your Squares

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A few moments' consideration will suffice to show that if we try to depend on the law of probability to prove our case, we might just as well drop the matter and nurt talking about accuracy So the fact remains that at the end of the eighth test, both squares had been proven 25 percent right, and they remained unproven to all theoretical and practical purposes, 75 percent

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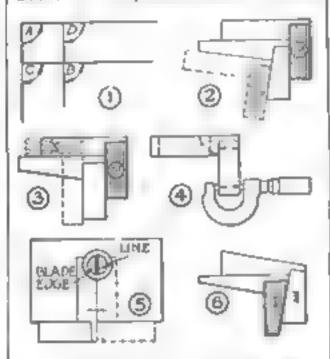


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proves the remaining 75 percent, and if both squares are 100 percent true (durounting the permumble or "tolerance" errors) they are then proven to be square.

What particular magic, then, is there in test No. 9? There is no magic at all. No. 9 has no more power than any of the remaining tests, though in the particular sequence in which they are shown, No. 9 happens to be the one which supplies the missing link, just as the map book at the end of a chain forms the link which converts the chain into a riog-

Then what is the explanation? It is necessary, to understand the matter, that we get a distinct conception of what we are trying to do. And the first thing we must get clear in that when we are trying to establish the accuracy of two unknown try-squares by trial with each other, we are trying to establish two pairs of three separate angles each as amety degrees, by comparing two similar systems of angles with each other

The ampiest and in fact the only practical way to show what happens, is to resolve the question into a geometrical problem. If we represent the edges of the handles and (Continued on page 126

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# Shop Methods

# Squaring Your Squares

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the blade by sets of parallel lines, we have No. 1, Fig. 5, with angles A, B, C, D. It needs only elementary geometry to show that if any three of these angles are equal, the fourth must be equal and each set of lines parallel, but that if only two angles are equal, then no combination of two angles can prove what we require.

IN A try square the handle is in the way of comparing angle C, so the most practical statement of the problem before us as that we are to prove

A = B = D = 90 deg.

And, naming the angles in the other square a, b, c, d, also

a = b = d = 00 deg.

It is well to understand clearly that these sig angles are six separate and distinct elements, and that, for instance, by proying A = 90 deg, we by no means prove corresponding angle a = 90 deg.

If now we consider entically Fig. 0, we shall find that each of the more tests established the equality of some one particular pair of elements, the elements being contained either in the same square, or one in each of the two squares, as follows,

No. I proven kab 2 proves k=b 3 proves B = a 4 proves Berg. 3 proves D±d = 180 degt.

No. 6 proves A+a= 180 deg. 7 proves D=d

8 proves D = 00 deg. (or else d= 90 deg.)

9 proves B = D (or clse b = d)

Any group of these tests which establishes A = B = D = 90 deg, will have proven summe I true all over, and if, incidentally or otherwise, we prove  $a = b = c = 00 \deg_{-1}$ we shall also have proven No. 11 all over. And any group of tests, no matter how nomerous, which falls short of this will fall short of proving the squares.

Ol R mechanic, after performing the first my tests, had after all only proven A=b, B=a, D+d=180 deg., and A+a=180 deg. It is clear that not one of the conditions of the problem had been fulfilled, and that therefore nothing had been proven. By adding test No. 7, which proved D=d, both were also proven = 90 deg., as according to 5, D+d 180 deg. No. 8 proved D = 00 deg. and of repeated on  $H_{\bullet}$  d = 90 deg. therefore adding nothing to the information. But by adding test No. 9, we prove B=D As D=90 deg., this makes B=90 deg. B=a, hence a=90 deg. As A+a=180 deg., it follows that A=90 deg. This completes the proof and felfills the condition for accs  $\Lambda = B = D = 90 \text{ deg.}$ 

It will also be seen that by a proper choice of tests, five of the nine tests can be avoided if we wish to prove only one square right all over, and that seven tests will peove both squares all over. The two tests which can be left out are, of course, Nos. 2 and 4, which merely duplicate Non. 1 and 3.

Thus is equivalent to saying that it requires four tests to prove two squares. the accuracy of both of which is unknown and three tests if we use in our own lesting one square of proven accuracy. This will be found to hold true by trial or calculation. No. 2, Fig. 3, for instance, shows tests I and 3 insufficient to establish the accuracy of the square being tested. Tests 5 and 7 are equally inconclusive (See No. 3, Bat. tests 1 3 and 7 prove the desired result a = b = d = 90 deg. The reason is that by using a proven square, while we are abliexamining only one element at a time, we establish the equality of that element not only with another element, but also with 90 deg., thus reducing the number of necessary tests by one.

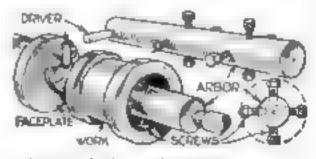
Proven try-squares of high accuracy however, are expensive and consequently not very numerous, and many of those originally accurate become questionable in continued use. If they are not actually maceurate, at least it becomes problem-

atical if they are.

For the tootmaker or muchanist, who has micrometers and magnifying glasses always available, one of the best ways of testing his square independently, when no proven right angle is at band, is that shown at Nos. 4 and 5. Fig. 3. The test consists in measuring the parallelism of the handle and blade, and then applying the reversing test on a highly-poushed straight edged steel block, drawing a very fine line against the edge of the blade, and running the reversed blade to within about 503 in, of the line, when he wal. be able to estimate the error to .00% in. or less, as any existing error will appear

# Centering Large Castings with Very Little Stock

SMALL shop was confronted with the problem of muchaning a number of castings upon which there was so I t-He stock that they could hardy be



Improvined arbor used to support custings that have little purplus stock for machining

cleaned up. It was too tedjour a job to adjust them in the regular four-jawed chuck, so a piece of scrap shafting was drilled and tapped for eight screws, thus making an improvised arbor

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And, facidentally, setura them in as good or better condition as when you took them nut.

Never stand in front of a new grinding wheel when starting it up the first

Do not let a grinding wheel stand in water when idle, as it throws the wheel out of balance.

Wear goggles at all times when dry grinding; they may be uncomfortable, but they're not nearly so bad as an injured eye.

Be extra careful in removing or replacing the safety hond over a grinding wheel.

What has become of the good old tramp machinist who knew so many makeshift kinks?

Using a hammer or any suita leverage on a machine vise handle strains the screw and quickly ruins the vice.



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When clamping finished work in a milling machine or shaper vise, use strips of heavy drawing paper between the work and the vise jaws to avoid marring the work.

# What I Have Saved by Peening Piston Rings

By F. CHARLES STAPLES



IMONG the interesting re-A sponers to an article on page 112 of the February, 1926, Maue of Pordlan Science MONTHLY, "Hose to Fit Pictors Rings by the Peening Method ' the following, by a reader who tires in Toronto, Canada, and alvies himself "one of the old rebool," is especially illuminal-It reveals the ingenuity that always distinguishes the true mechanic and shows how care and thoughtfulness make for success in the machine shop

N CONNECTION with the article about peening piston rings. I won-1 like to offer some experiences I have had so that bue

The first that comes to much was in connection with an Minorsepower single exhinder vertical engine with a son, bore used on the very dirty job of running a coal across. Naturally at every stroke of the poston, fine hard dust would be sucked a despite a series of inclosing screens. Mer two years' work the engine became so weak that we pulled it down. I found the cylinder in good condition, that is, it, was smooth, but was in un out of round.

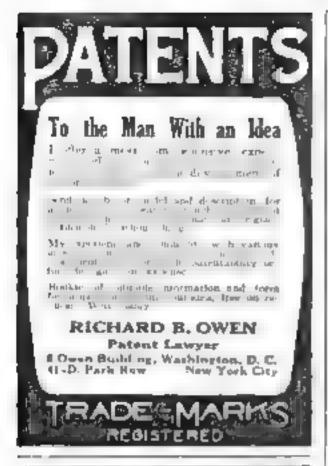
Rehoring recincil too custly at that time, and as we could not get commercial rings, I decided to make some new ones myself. Another argument in favor of not reboring was that the walls of the cylinder were smooth and hard, and I disliked to destroy this excellent surface, for I felt that m a short time the coal dust would grand into the freshly bored surface.

I found a piece of scrap casting and turned some rings. I made them 51, in. diameter outside and Ph in, mude, and cut them off 1/4 in, to fit the ring grooves.

I cut a slot the width of two backsaw blades at 43 deg, and tried the ring in the ex inder. There was 52 in between the wal, and the ring on the threst sides, so  ${f I}$ put the roug in a groove in a piece of pile board and proceeded to peen the inside of the ring until it fitted finely among all around. Then I blued the cylinder and put the piston and one ring in. Every particle of the bion disappeared, so the fit was good. I did the same with the other three rings, and put in dowels so they would not move from the position in which they had been fitted

Several who saw all this careful work laughed at me, and and it would last about a day. I assembled the engage, and put a belt on it and ran it with other power for about an hour and a half, pouring copious quantities of cal into the exhipder Then I cleaned out the oil, put in the valves, completed the assembly, and turned on the gas and spark, whereupon the engine went to work

The engine was unmediately put to work, and has run for two years continuously for six days a week without any trouble, thus (Continued on page 189)



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## **Peening Piston Rings**

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showing that a little extra effort is justified in the fitting of the rings. The only cost to this job was the labor

Another meident that happened years ago may be worth mentioning. A certain large motor car only about three months old was giving trouble by puniture od-An engineer was sent up from the factory to see what was the trouble. He ture the engine down, used interometers on almost every part, but could find puthing wrong. He put it up again, and it ran fine for a day, and then the old trouble developed He pulled it to pieces once more, but with the same result. Then he got disposted and wired his factory to send him a new motor and left the old one. Apparently be did not wish to send it back to the factory more he could not locate the trouble.

AT THAT time this engine was selling for about \$2800, but I got a man to buy it for me for \$50. I fitted new rings to it as I later did to the one cylander engine, and it run a bout up here for a long time, giving excedent service.

Ally work concests of overhanding heavy daily truck engines, and I continually find it better to peen out the new rings, the more so when the exhibiters have been rebored before. I may say that I am cabed upon occasionally to do over the work of other men, and frequently all that is necessary is to give the rings a lattic peening and proper fitting.

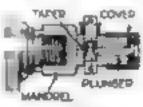
The trouble I find with most mechanics, and I might add, some web informed as to engineers, is that they know absolute a nothing about expansion and contraction of the various metals with which they are in contact in their daily work. Were you to ask the average mechanic anything about the temperatures in a gas engine extinder, or even the boiling point of water, he could not answer you.

I COULD go on at some length dilating upon thy experiences of more than twenty years, but I am afroid I have taken up too much space already. It all comes down to thus: to have any success, you have to know how, and must get away from the alea that the knowledge can be picked up in a few weeks.

### A Releasing Mandrel for Thin Threaded Brass Covers

A SMALL-PARTS department, with a quantity of brase covers to make, had difficulty in getting them off the mandrel used for turning the outside

because of their extreme thinness. One of the toolmen suggested constructing a mandrel as shown. This can be released by striking the spring-supported end of the tapered plug, thereby reliev-



Mandret for holding thin threaded parts

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vertically as well as revolved in the holder, so that an exact setting can be obtained. The party should be finished to fit closely, and in use the two nuts must be drawn up tightly

#### Clearance Scale for Nuta

PATTERN MAKERS and draftsmen who are concerned with whether a nutwill clear an adjacent part will find the scale illustrated a useful tool. It has on its three faces the distances across the

corners of squares, hexagens, and octagons, while the figures represent the correspondtrut dimensions across the flatte.

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octagon face is 1 082 in from the end-I rate are subdivided into eight parts, so the scale may be read as is a role. Birch and maple are suitable woods for making the scale. - J. A. Millen.

## Rubber Band Utilized As Drill Depth Gage in Emergency

time all sorts of ways for regulating the depth of a drilled bale when pour it is essential not to drill too deep. Some measure and mark the drill with a file: others use a collar acrewed to the drill. Twine and wire are often uti- Slople rubber bend lized. One of the depth gags for use on simplest depth



marks, however, is a rubber band wrapped around the drill body as shown - G. A. Luzies.

Excess oxygen in a welding flame tends to decarbonize iron or steel rapidly,

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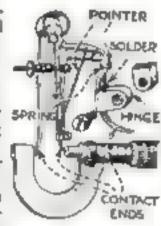
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### How to Attach a Fiber Sleeve to a Friction Clutch

DIFFICULTY often is experienced in attacking fiber alcoves to tapered metal parts such as used in friction el riches.

The fiber tubing for the sleeve should be about the same underhameter as the small end of the tapered member to which it is to be attached. It must also be a

trifle longer, as it will be shortened or the assembling.



Method of applying tapered fiber sleeve

Souk the fiber in cold water for about ten hours and press it in place. If the fiber lends to break it. must be seaked for a few minutes 13 water heated to about 180 deg. F . but must not be

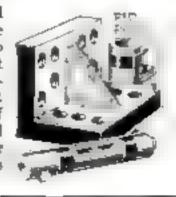
allowed to become too soft. Shellac, if applied to the metal just before the sleeve. is forced on, serves as a labricant and assists in retaining the sleeve when dry

After drying a day, the sleeve should be panied to the metal with hardwood pegs in a squal, chitch, or copper pins about In in in diameter in a large clutch.

The finishing is done either by turning or grinding, preferably the latter -S. W. Baowy

#### Identifying Little Used Tools

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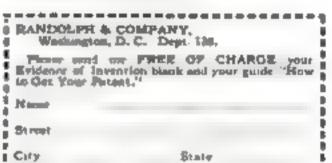
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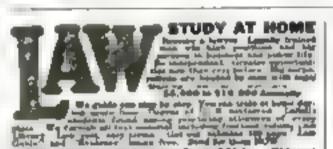
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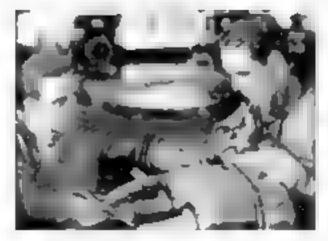


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will until he can control the minds of those about him, making them believe they actually see or hear what he miggests to them. The psychologists also remind us that hypnotism has been known in Indus for at least 2,000 years, and that the knowledge, handed down through countless generations by religious sects, has been gained by years of study, asceticism and the most exacting discipling of intid and body. In comparison, the Western world's scientific knowledge of the subject, gained in some fifty years of psychological research, is extremely in ager.

A MERICAN magicians who have traveled in the Orient, however mount these tricks have nothing to do with hypnotism, but are accomplished by methodsomilar to those of professional mystifiers. The exotic surroundings, they say, tend to make the feats seem more marvelous than they really are, and, in telling about them, witnesses almost invariably exaggerate.

Equally astomshing are the faker apparent knowledge and practice of telepathy. Groups of fakers living in various parts of listin claim to have no need of the telephone or radio, they commission with one another by thought transmission. In his American performances, Rahman Bey demonstrates his power of mond reading by obeying orders given mentally by members of the astrones. Although the faker can neither read nor speak English, if one of the audience writes on a slip of paper such an order as "Get my hat from my seat in the back row," hands the paper to another to hold, and concentrates his name on the order, the faker obeys it

The faking insist there is nothing none along or supernatural about their feats. Aimost anyone can do the things I do," Raluman Bey explains through his interpreter, "but it takes long training."

TARAH BEY, a fakir who has at tracted widespread interest in the capitals of Europe, declares, "I believe that the cataloptic state may be the real road to perfect health. We fakirs, even when not actually practicing, their ourselves into this state which. I am convinced, is effective in cleanant the blood cleaning out importies and robusing high physical resistance to disease.

In America, however, a number of secentrate and medical experts have expressed themselves as extremely skeptical of the fakers' reputed powers.

"Entertaining tricks in an atmosphere of mysterism," is the verdict given by Dr. James J. Walsh, eminent New York

"Burnal abve—ten or even thirty nurutes of being confined in a box completely covered with said—is not even slightly dangerous," Dr. Walsh declares, "There is enough air in the box to keep a man alive much longer than that. Try it yourself. Wrap your head up tight for ten number. At the end of that time you a hifeel no ill effects. As for fakus being bursed for months and years that is another story, but. I believe, a story that is always at least second hand when it reaches us. Moreover, in this connection there are many cases of fraud on record.

In Egypt until recently there was a certain location especially favored by laking who indulged in being buried alive, after years of credulity it was found that the trunk of a large tree growing near the spot was hollow. Buried faking simply pushed the ends of their pecularly constructed colling outward, wormed their way through the loose earth until they reached thus tree trunk, and escaped to the surface, living in seclusion until the time came for them to be "dig up. Whereupon they again took their 'extaleptic' attitudes in the coffins."

Doctor Walsh adds that any trained athlete might duplicate the feat of having a stone broken on his body while his neck and ankles rest on sahers.

"UNDER the long, flowing headdress," it is quite simple to wear a leather guard on the back of the neck, and, in the leg wrappings, to wear leather guards to project the flesh from the blades. The 'stones' are of a loose composition that breaks easily. The force of the handner blow is dispersed as the stone breaks. It is like lutting a taut string with your hand. If it breaks, the string doesn't hart you.

'Again, fakira in India who habitaally be on stukes have corns all over their backs, and thus horay these protects them from pain. Moreover, a good athlete can so areh his body that the points of the spikes would barely touch him. When thrusting long knitting needles through the skin, fakers lift the skin so that the needles pain through very little flesh. The skin on the upper arm as i on the chest is especially wed adapted for the stoot, being soose and fexcuse.

The great magician, II audinit is equally convinced that the fastra powers no extraordinary powers authorigh he concertes that their tricks are entertaining. How due offers to show anyone how to thrust an arm into a basse without feeling paid.

It is sumply a matter of making the skin fireproof by anomaing it beforebond with may one of a number of preparations, he says. "If you anomat your tongue with liquid storax, for instance, and can be k a rest-hot from without pass. Storax is one of the ingredients, too, in a compound which one may use to anomat the feet before strolling barefoot over a hed of glowing coals, another stant of fak is in the East.

"As for being buried alive, that is a feat that I have been performing for years, Moreover, I permit myself to be tied in a struct-packet and nailed in the coffin and I get out. That's a test for a faker to

"However, as long as a fakir does not claim to possess supernatural powers, there is nothing for me to expose. He is an entertainer just as are other magnetians, and to explain his tricks is not fair."





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the motorist. New York State, for example, now has a law that all motor cops must be dressed in uniform. Another recent law provides that villages no longer may pocket fines collected from motorists. They are allowed not more than one dollar per capita of population. Other states are adopting similar measures. In Texas, for natance, the legislature recently agreed on a pail term for any one found guilty of setting a motor trap. The law also throws out of court any testimony given by an officer who hales in anitush. A similar law is in force in California.

MEANWHILE, although there seem to be no sure-fire rules to avoid being fleered as you tour the country, here are a few general premutions that may keep you out of trouble when you pass through a town or village:

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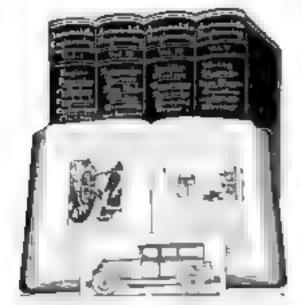
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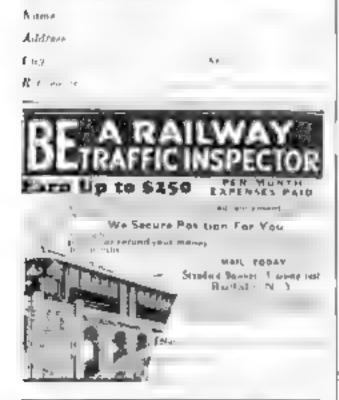
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and fired into the musils of other menevery new idea that came to him. Whether he was starting a public library which was to prove the ancestor of all others in America; whether he had in hand at the moment the organizing of a state militia or the borrowing of cannon. with which to drill it, or whether he was bress creating Philadelphia's first fire department, with its "certain number of leather buckets ready for instant use. his method was always the same. First, he created the ales. Next, he went out and sold the idea to the pidds, not as his own conception, but as the soggestion of a friend.

It has already been and that he had a currous facility for self analysis. This, of course, is shown by many of his writings and it appears that if he was not the actual inventor of modern psychology, he certainly was one of the first to apply it. Nowhere is his excellent use of this science shown to better advantage than in the attitude of the religious folk of the day toward him.

AS EVERYONE knows, Franklin had no particular retigion—that is, no deficite sect. John Adams wrote of him

The Catholics thought him almost a Catholic The Church of England claimed him as one of them. The Presby terms toosidered him half a Presbyterium and the Frends believed him a wet Quaker,"

He honself may that this nonsectarianism was what won bon election, "merely as an honest man," to the board of trustees which controlled Philadelphia's general meetinghome for preachers of every denomination. Having fost a Momy isn trustee, and not wishing to elect another such, nor any from one of the setts already serving, the board compromised on Franklin, man "of no particular religion."

Yet he did have a religion—more properly a science of life. An amazing project for—arraying at moral perfection—in list, with a baker's descript of virtues ranging from Temperance through Silence and Order to Industry. Moderation and Chastity—was ready a definite attempt to analyze houself and has moral progress. No man before Franklin had adopted the "graphic" or "chart" method of solving his moral problems. Practically speaking, this is exactly what this early psychologist did,

TO BEGIN with, he assumed that it would be impossible to acquire all the virtues at once, he must make a habit of each, in its turn. Accordingly, he bought an ivory-leaved notebook for the frugal reason that its sheets could be cleaned and used again and again—and at the top of the first sheet he wrote "Temperance" I refer this, he constructed a table, ruled horisontally for the days of the week and vertically for the other virtues in his list. If he decided, upon Sunday night, that he had not been temperate—that he had violated that virtue's explanatory precept, "Eat not to duliness, drink not

to elevation"—down went a black spot at the proper intersection of his columns. For that week, the other virtues night get rather less attention while he concentrated upon temperature. Next week, it would be the turn for Resolution. Succenty is Justice as the case might be his a little over three months of a he had a complete record for all the virtues which be could analyze and, if he so desired plot upon a drawing board like the curve of any other origins's performance.

WHAT he sought, of course, was the theoretical perfection of no snots on any of the florteen pages. He a fine a his surprise at not reaching this perfection and goes on to say that he reduced his paralysis to "one course only, in a year then to one to several years and finally abundoned stallogether. But he court ready to take it up again at any magnest.

It seems odd that a man who would take so much passe over tabulating his abortcomings should find his greatest difhealty with the virtue of Order. This. says Franklin, he found extremely difficult to acquire, and at length he had to he satisfied with "a faulty character " in thu respect. Whereupon he recently the tale of the man who bought an are und wished to have it ground bright. The south bade him turn the stone, while he humself pressed the axe down keavily The man, growing tred of turning. slopped frequently and presently wanted to take lue are as it was. Thou the swith a pointing out that the metal was still darkly spotted, the man declared "Well, I think I like a speckled age heat! Just so, Frankin finally accepted his quality of Order as speckled.

These stories or figures with a mechanical flavor were frequent with Franklin. Thus, he once wrote

The people have a saving that God Almights is a meet a mechanic, and he is respected and more assured for the surety ingenuity, and atthey of his handwork, than for the antiquity of his family

THESE lines appeared in Poor Rick-I and, that extraordinary ereation of Franklin's which has you through scores of ed tions or nearly all languages and exervived all the generations since its birth. English-speaking people, everywhere, chuckled over the almanac, while foreigners, the moment they read it in their own tongue, were equally amused. This was especially true of the French. The domestic science, as well as the thrift and the wit that sprinkled its pages, could not luve been more nicely calculated to appeal to the French soul, which was thus opened and ready to receive Franklin when he came, years later, to Paris.

When he conceived this almanae idea, Franklin had no philomath, no combination of mathematician, astronomer, meteorologist and (Continued on page 155)



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astrologer who predicted runs and droughts, eclipses, winds, and epidemics Without, of course, openly admitting the fact, Frankim became his own philometh for his almanac writings.

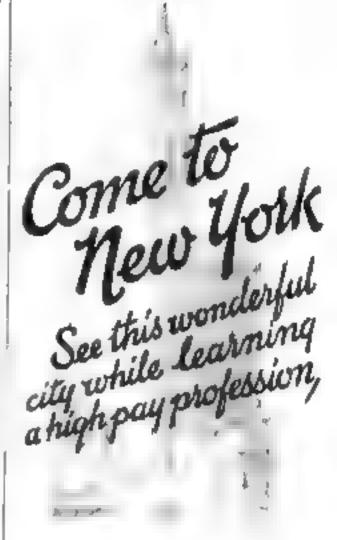
No doubt Pow Richard was cribbed freely plagarized from every earlier plateospher. Roschefoucauld, Rabelats, Bacon and everyone else who had ever said anything worth repeating, contributed heavily. But Franklin's wide reading among these scientists of one order or another made this horrowing easy for him and the sait of his own humor improved the flavor of the original.

THE necessity of being accurate in his almanac further pregnassi his interest. in science. Once, for example, having planned to view an ecupse, he found hunself prevented by a northeast storm. Hut he learned from his brother that the erlipse had been visible in Boston, Tauxmuch an Boston lies north and cost of Philadelphia, Franklin at first considered thu meredible, but he found it was true Writing to friends in various parts of the country, be "tracked" that particular storia, with the times of its appearance at different points. From these, and other data which he carefully cohected by observing subsequent gales, he deduced a theory to account for their behavior Concluding that northeastern began to heward and were even more violer t there than to windward, he offered this explantatura

Consider " he said. "a love tract of country, such as Georgia, to have continned clear weather, in which the atmosphere, heated by the sun, becomes rare fied and rases. Consider also the Philadelplus section as undergoing cloudy weather and cooler atmosphere at this same time. It will follow that the rising hot air must be replaced by a rush of cold. Now, when a canal of still water is opened for discharging, the motion of the water begins near the opened end and proceeds toward the closed end, although the water itself moves from the closed to the opened end. Just so with the air. The apparent result is that the motion moves backward, '

IT IS important to note that the date a of this echaps which he could not observe was October 21, 1743. Franklin did not fix the date, but later students and with texts have done so. Thus it is possible to clasm that he was the first to propose the theory of storms which is now generally accepted. And with his never fateing problemers in the art of selling cothers on the things that interested him he used a picturesque though homely figure to illustrate his theory. Discovering the Law of Storms was not enough for him, he had to make sure that everyone should share the discovery with him.

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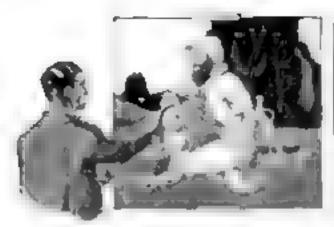
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# Will It Be a Boy or a Girl?

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she was at first a normal female. Suddenly, though, she stopped laying eggs. The cases of another dove were offered to her care and she and her male mate hatched them, fed them normally for six days and then deserted them. This performance also represent later.

Smortly afterward, she began to develop the characteristics of a male, notably the crow of the rock pigeon. And her suse increased so that she became more nearly like a male in appearance.

h fty four months after this bird had had her last egg she thed and the bird was unquestionably a male at death.

THE cases described are regarded by scientists as definite demonstrations of the actual occurrence of complete sextransferenation in adult animals. Similar experiments with eggs are numberless, Dr. Roldle has changed the sex of many pigeons while still in the egg state. Dr. Robert K. Burns, Jr., of the University of Cincinnati, recently reported similar accomplishments with salamander eggs to the American Society of Zoologues. Dr. L. A. Banta of the Carnegie Institution conducted like experiments with water

Now, does this mean that sex transformation may become possible in busins beings? Does it mean that parents will he able to bring into the world a boy if

they prefer one, or a girl?

Dr. Ceer, in telling the British Medical Association about his ben that turned master, was careful not to suggest that such a phenomenon might be accom-However, be plubed with humans. seemed confident that experimental work such as his would finally put into the hands of medical men such complete knowledge of the mechanism of sex that its artificial determination would become Districtly.

Peof Julian Hucley, famous English receited and senior demonstrator of googogy at theford, says great strates have been made in the study of sex determination and that within the next lifty years man may solve this problem. He makes this startbug statement

"Determination of sex is bound to come. As such a thing is bound to eause chaos, it is a problem that must be considered early, from all points of view."

AS MIGHT be experted, there is no unanimity of opinion in regard to this Dr William Blazz Bell of the University of Liverpool told the American College of Surgeons in Philadelplus recently that he considered sex determination an "impossible dream which is as it should be for Nature knows what is hest for the race. Professor Huxley at will be noted also saw a metace in sex determination and asked the Medical Research Council to take early cognizance of rt.

Perhaps the clearest aummary of the situation as it stands at present is that of Dr. Riddle:

"Complete sex transformation in hunum beings is certainly not immment. Ultimately, yes. If complete transfor-

mation is established with relation to one set of heresitary characters extraed in duplicate, like sex, why is not such transformation ultimately possible with other characters that are also represented by alternative genes or factors?

"It can be put this way. The demonstration of the complete transformatal tymot a mere modifiability sof me truly hered-tary and chromosome-determined character new makes it quite idogical to assume that any hereditary character summarly founded may not be transformed in and during the life of the individual. It is necessary to emphasize that the reversals studied apply solely to the individual life, not to the beredttary transmission of the reversed char-

This aspect of our knowledge of heredity and development should ultimately prove of much interest and of very real practical value to markind. Meanwhile a sound body of knowledge relative to its peactical application remains to be developed and this field of study is a difficult one."

#### Curlous Things People Invent

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antable duration to make the worm hungry. The worm senses the bait, and its head is caught in the trup, which is then withdrawn from the patient's stomach by the string which has been left hanging from the mouth

In the Patent Office are some wonderful ideas for human comfort and convenience

A very ample one is a 'Snoring Shield.' especially devised for the confort of neighbors in hotels or apartment houses. It is a little oval piece of rubber which the habitual anoreg places between his teeth and lips when he retires, "thereby preventing the passage of breath through the mouth, '

AMONG the records also is Patent N a 395,515, for a "Chewing Gam Locket," an attractive charm in which the chewer may "park" her gold "with safety, elevaliness and convenience for use." The patent specifications further tell us that "chewing mum may thus be carried conveniently on the person, and is not left around carelessly to become durty. or to fall in the hands of persons to whom it does not belong

Nor have the inventors neglected the comfort and safety of the dumb creatures. In an "Eye Protector for Fowls," Patent No. 730,918, we have an attractive pair of tortouse-shell goggles for the hen. The purpose is to prevent other fowls from

pecking her eyes out.

For agriculture we find a remarkable srugating machine, which waters the plants on the farm by freezing bullets of ice and shooting them toto the ground. The bullets are molded in a refrigerating chamber. From there they pass to an endless conveyor which feeds them to a paeamatic gun.

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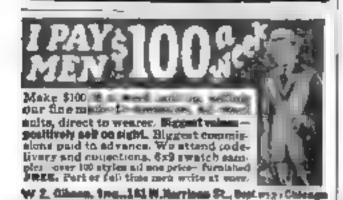
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# Men Who Fight Sharks

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the current from the outside through

In its adult stage, the sponge is found always moored to something fixed, such as a rock, or a piece of coral. But when very young it has power to get about, and finis steelf a protected place for a permanent bome.

As soon as the Captam's first net of sponger was brought on deck they were set upright, in the position in which they had grown. Thus was to let the animal die, and the jellylike fluid inside drain off-At the end of the day, the sponger taken in the little boot would be transferred to n larger vessel—a kind of "mother ship of which there is one for each fleet of the bittle fishing boats. There the sponges would be cleaned and cured for several days before being sent to land for final treatment, storage and rale.

FROM where I sat, waiting for Captain Cocorns, I could see the mother ship and several other stange boats riding calmly on the glassy surface of the Gulf. They are exotic looking eraft, these spongers. The mother slup is usually a two-masted schooner. The smaller boats carry each a ungle mast, with a slight rake forward, near the how of the boat. These little craft have lines such as one sees in the Aggran Sea off the coast of Greece,

"Where do you get these firmy shaped

boats?" I asked Anagnos.

"We make them oneselves," he answered. "Just the same like what we have in Greece. They called 'trehadire.' They don't trp over and fill with water to easy

When the Captain ended our two-hour watch by coming up for a smoke, he told me how he started the modern sponge undustry to Florida in 1903. He had been in the trade in Greece, and he found the Florida fishermen using the name primative methods.

In the Levantine sponge fisheries the divers go naked, as in the pearl fisherest, but "skin-diving" in the waters of the trulf of Mexico has a hazard greater even than sharks. That is the barracuda-"the tiger of the sea."

\*ERRIBLE tales are told of the fierce-I ness and vorsety of this most dangerous of all fish. The harracteds launches himself directly at his prey from any pontion or direction, snapping his steel trap paws as he strikes, and ruts off an arm or a leg easily and cleanly. Indeed, the shark's evil reputation is believed by many to be due to the barracuda, who is no relation at all, being more closely akin to the innocent horse mackerel or tuna.

It was Corons who decided to attempt the innovation of putting men into deepsex diving suits and going out index from shore after sponges. All of the Gulf is shallow, compared with similar large bodies of water. It is its shallowness which makes its waters warm, the semitropical sun penetrating to the depths and so setting up the great occan river of warm water called the Gulf Stream.

Cocoris' tcheme worked fine. "I was success," he told me. A great number of

has countrymen speeddy followed has leadership. The supply near shore having been almost depleted, the sponge flects now go a hundred miles out to the fishing grounds and bring in sponges much larger and more valuable than those formerly obtained, and the annual crop of sponger brought into the bayou at Tarpou Springs is worth a million dullaca.

"How long does one of these boats stay out on a trip?" I asked Captain Cocoris,

"Three months."

"What? Three months without ever going back to land?"

"YEAH, we go out four, five boats to-gether, and one big schooner, we call a casque. We eat and sleep on the cample, and fish on the Lttle trebudire We store the sponges we get every day on this ensure. Another ship makes trips to get our sponger, and brings us what we need and letters from our wives."

"How do you pain the time out here to long, without getting homesick?"

"We have good time-mee time. We work hard all day, cet nothing all day, only coffee. A diver exampt est and then work. But at night we go back to the calque, get together for a plenty big meal. Then we play exects, and play manatoun gera bita

These long absences make life ashore a grad of boilday All the boots come in at the Greek Christman, on January 19, and there is a great celebra-The Patemarch, or Metropolitan Bulkep of the Greek Church, comes down from New York and blesses the sponge fleet. A gilded cross is east acto the hayou. after appropriate ceremonies. Then five selected divers plunge into the bayou to recover the cross. The mecoswill diver in honored with a procession, and the erost he recovers as felt to be purified and potent to give good fortune to the sponge fleet for another year.

## Odd Devices You Never See

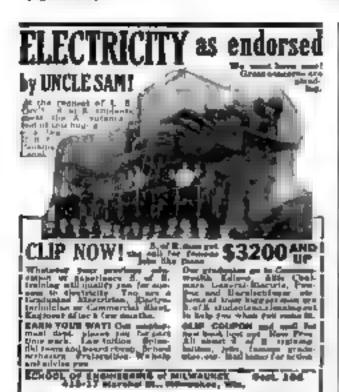
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as said to be one of the best yet evolved In the electrical shops, a recent product was an electrical flasher needed for plant research investigations. Thus device will automatically turn on or extinguish electric lamps employed as substitutes for daylight in speeding the growth of plants.

Still other experts in the mechanical shops make models of wooden equipment such as you never saw or heard of. Their daily labors are adventures into the unknown of woodworking possibilities. One feature of this work which invariably attracts the attention of victors is the cutting out of life-size figures of men and ammals to be used in agricultural displays at fairs and expositions. Photographs enlarged to life-suc are pasted to light wooden panels, and each figure is cut out.

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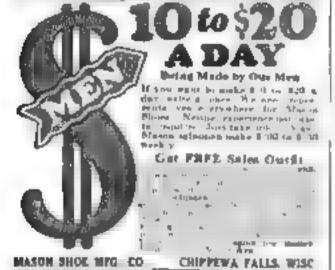
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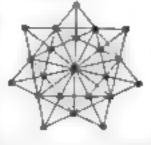
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#### How Many Triangles?

THERE are twenty different triangles. A to be found in the spe-pointed star-Twelve little ones; six containing four of the little ones; two large ones containing more of the little ones.

The Square Addition

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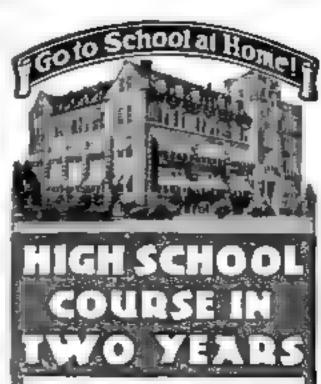
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## Ten Ways to Roof Your House

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good to me," asserted Rob, "But what is the alibi for hex? Does it have a good too bold on the mod?"

"Economy answers the first question The hold is fair enough with two cus ered mads on each aide and at the bottom cereter an exposed copper anchor that hards each shingle to its neighbors. You notice these little copper projections on such a roof. I should say the hexagonal or some lar style needs a steeper roof than the American in order to be weatherproof, and it also demands more manlation beneath. It is advisable to put waterproof felt on the sheathing boards below, except where an old wood shingle roof it to be covered with ashestos shaugles. I sethe galvanised made supplied by the manufacturer and also his half-round 'rolls' to cover ridge and hips, if any Local builders are apt to be careless in these little details, patting in steel on is or anything when they run short of the proper material.

"How about the cost of asbestos slun-

glest inquired Rob.

"WELL a low figure methoding labor or eight cents a square foot. Rememher that labor costs about as much as material. Large material or other labor-saving material naturally reslows total costs.

"Whole we are shopping around for all sorts of roofs, and Files, "I'd like to

know a little about slate

That is a standard natural material which our ancestors classed with tile. It is durable, rather weighty more or less expensive. The usual thickness is about one quarter inch, while uses vary. It has several quiet tones and may even proclaim itself in flamboyant red."

" And what about tile?" she continued. "It is the heaviest and perhaps the most expensive—in some forms—of all roofing. It has the most variety of shape, including the Mission, Spanish, flat or shirgle tile, a combination of flat and arched called Roman, and a flat-withhevel style known as Greek. Concrete tile easts less than the usual burned clay product. There are all the colors that you care for. In any sort of a datop climate it is desirable that the clay tile should be glazed. Every detail or the application of such choice material needs extra care, so that the roof is wind- and min-tight and that the tile will not be blown off in a gale. If you want an attack of acute envy, take a look at a house with a roof of green glasted tile.

"WHAT do you know about enpper?"
asked Rob.

"It's a royal roofing, and you know royalty is apt to come high," I replied. "However, that copper-surfaced shingle of asphalt base, which I mentioned, is quite low in cost. In fact all-copper is not really expensive rompared with other material of its own rank. The most consonical use of all-copper is in shrets, which should weigh one pound to the square foot. Strips of soldered sheets are put on the roof up and down, not crosswise. Then the edges are joined either in a standing mean or flat seam. White lead

can be used in the standing seam instead of solder, an economy which many mofers do not practice. Anchorage of sheets to the roof it obtained by first-fastened copper cleats which are turned over with the seams. This method avoids having any sail boles through the material and provides for the considerable expansion and contraction of the metal, With a copper roof, use no other metal, whether for cleats, units, flashings, gutters, leaders or their hangers. There is a reason. And for lightning protection, one teader should be well grounded in most earth."

"HOW much will copper set us back in the sheet style?" asked Rob.

"The material will cost thirty cents a square foot, maybe less."

"lent a tin roof less expensive?" in-

quired Ellen.

"Yes. And it has to be punted on both sides, and the surface repainted every few years. The first coat should be red lead."

"You said there was a reason for not using other metal with copper," remarked Rob. "What is the reason?"

"Colvaine action tends to eat away one of paired metass. Don't let copper guttest or leaders be fastered with iron in any form. Summer trouble occurs when more in an contact with another metal. Zinc which is excellent for entire mofe as well as their details, is also affected by the scids in red cestar or redwood slungles, so it should not be used along with such slungles."

"I'm surprised that wood would eat

metal," quoth Rob.

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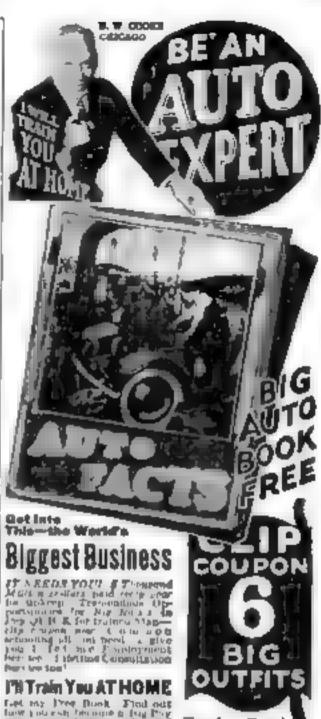


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# Insect Wives Don't Coddle Lazy Husbands

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contentedly. For this creature is one of four or five insect musicians whose orehestra saterians us every summer. The cricket foldles by drawing one of its hard wing cases, like a bow, across the other. Drumbike displinguis amplify the sound until it can be heard hundreds of yards away. Another fiddler as the grasshopper, who draws the shank of one of its hopping legs across wing-case according boards.

As in our own world, there are many odd and eccentric characters among insects. The queerest perhaps is none other than the cuckroach, one of the oldest creatures on earth in point of ancestry. These troublesome pests are the "wise old birds"; and, withal, so sociable that it is hard to get rid of them. They will cat virtually anything that men will out, and in addition they have been known to devour the tops of shoes (blacking and all), the paper off the wall, and old clothes. They are especially food of ink and stale beer. Yet time and again, when experimenters have attempted to slay them by mixing ever so little poison with their food, they have abrigitly turned up their noses and walked gway

Another surprising thing about them is the way the mother cockronch goes traveling. When ahe lays her eggs abe carefully arranges them in a little satchel. This abo carrier about with her titil the young are ready to batch. One observer reports having seen cockronches moving from one house to another, each in-ther carefully carrying her own satchel of eggs.

The resemblance of many innect families to ourselves in habits and equipment is oftentimes unrainly. Did you know, for instance, that haby wasps wear little bibs to catch drops of honey that drop down their chins? This discovery was made by the naturalist Fabre when he broke into the nursery of a nest and watched the nurses feed the young. He describes the right as follows.

"IF WE watch one of the busy waspa we shall see her, with her crop swolies with honey, halt in front of a cell. With a thoughtful air also bends her head into the opening, and touches the grub with the tip of her antenna. The grub wakes and gapes at her, like a fledging when the mother bird returns to the nest with food.

"The two mouths meet, a drop of syrup passes from the nurse's mouth to the nurseing's. The nurse moves on, to continue her duties elsewhere. Meanwhile the grain a belong the base of its own neck, for, while it is being fed, there appears a temporary aweling on its chest which acts as a bib, and catches whatever trackles down from the month."

The meets have been caded man's nearest runts. Indeed, entomologists in recent years have warned us that they threaten to disloster us from the mastery of the earth by robbing us of our food and by spreading plagues.

Yet with all their frightfulness, and even while they awail us, they command our wonder and admiration.

# He Put Uncle Sam in the Air

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He was pilot, mechanic, repair man and weather observer all in one. He sheer force of necessity the soldier because an inventor. For example, in place of the closely landing skuls which required the use of bulky launching apparatus that was not easily purtable he designed and instabled the first set of landing wheels. Again, to prevent being thrown in rough landings or in taking off, he devised the first pilot's safety belt. In all, he added to the first Army plane at least twenty mechanical improvements.

On the border, Foulan experienced his first netive service as an air fighter. Pateoling the border in his much no from his Paso to Eagle Pasa, he was shot at his Mexican guerilla bands, and thus became probably the first aviator in history to be fired on by an enemy

ON ONE of these patrol flights, with Lieut. Plut l'armalee as his passenger and pupit, he encountered a different kind of foe. As they flow above the Roo Grande, the motor went dead and the fading machine plunged into the modely river. To men accustomed to falling, that was not particularly serious, for both of them could swim. Looking aloft, however, they saw a flock of hingry buzzards swooping upon them. The birds attacked viciously, and it was only when a rancher appeared on the scene and fired a gun into the flock that they were driven off.

Meanwhile the Air Service was grow-

ing. With the organization of the Mane iver Division at San Autonia, this Texas town became the school for the future Air Service. A new Wright machine and a machine limit by tileon Curton arrived, and by the end of 1911 a disemplanes were inservice. Two years later, at San Diego, Cabi, Foulous organized, trained and equipped the First vero Squadron of the Army—the first complete pulltary air unit.

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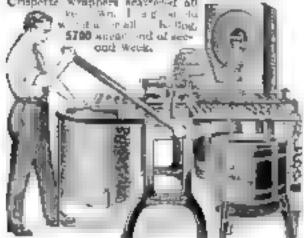
The Memean expension ended, Fontons established the aviation station at Kedy Field, near San Autorio. The next year, upon America's declaration of war against Germany, he helped to plan Mitchel Field. Here it was that he laid the formulations for the air force of today.

In the war emergency, he drew up the \$640,000,000 appropriation for air eigenparent, boot up the American air force for active service, and until May, 1918, as Chief of Air Service, A.E.F., commanded all American air activities in Europe.

Totay, as commander of Mitchel Field, he is as busy and as enthusiastic as ever in the development of aviation. He still flies about ten hours a month—but he knocked on wood when he told me that in all his fifty crashes he had never been secretally impreed?

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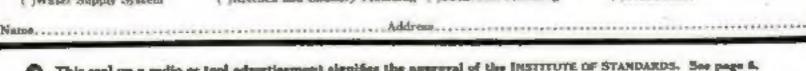
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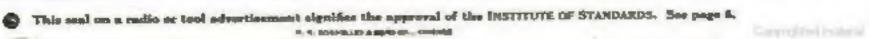
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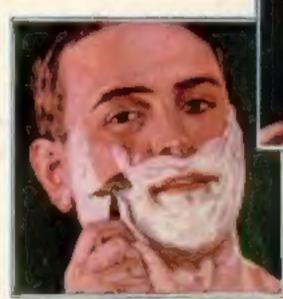
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Then compare it with the coarse texture of the other lather. Those large-size bubbles you see are filled with air. They merely hold air instead of water against the surface of the hair.

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Because Colgate's softens the beard at the base with moisture, every hair receives a sharp, clean cut. "Razorpull" is entirely banished.

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